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## **Interim Comment**

### **In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

Attention: Sarovic Investments CC

### **Township Establishment on the Remaining Extent of Portion 79 of the farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS and Portion 0 (remaining extent) of the farm Leeuwpoot 283 JS, Mpumalanga**

Sarovic Investments cc is proposing to construct a new township development located in Emalahleni Local Municipality of Mpumalanga Province. The township development will consist of four phases of construction that all include mixed density residential development, commercial units, business parks, government avenues, roads, sewerage, electricity and water pipelines.

Labesh Environmental Consulting (Pty) Ltd is undertaking an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) application process on behalf of Sarovic Investments cc, in respect of listed activities in the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA), NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2017, and a Water Use License in terms of the Water Use Licence Regulations, March 2017 in terms of the National Water Act, 36 of 1998. A BID document was been submitted to SAHRA in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 25 of 1999 for commenting. An Interim Comment was issued on 14/08/2018, requesting that a Heritage Impact Assessment and a Palaeontological Impact Assessment is undertaken as part of the specialist studies in the EIA application. Both these reports have been submitted to the case for commenting.

Fourie, H. June 2015. The establishment of a mixed residential township, Sarovic Investments eMalahleni Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province Farm: Remaining extent of Portion 79 Blesboklaagte 296 JS and Portion 0 (remaining extent) Leeuwpoot 283 JS. Palaeontological Impact Assessment: Desktop Study.

The study area is underlain by Late Carboniferous to Early Permian clastic rocks, varved shale, conglomerates and pebbly sandstone of the Dwyka Group, Karoo Supergroup. These rocks are of moderate palaeontological sensitivity, the author recommends that any exposure of Dwyka rocks be examined by palaeontologist. It is also underlain by conglomerates, reddish sandstone rocks of the Wilgerivier Formation, Waterberg Group, Transvaal Supergroup. Fossils have not been recorded within this formation. The potential impact on fossil heritage is considered low and the author does not recommend a field survey and no further mitigation



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measures.

Pelser, A. May 2014. A Phase 1 HIA Report for a Proposed Township Development on the Remainder of the Farm Leeupoort283JS & Ptn 79 of Blesboklaagte 296JS, eMalahleni, Mpumalanga.

The author undertook a field survey of the proposed development and identified 4 heritage sites. Site 1 is an unfenced cemetery containing 10 graves, it is considered to be of high local significance. Sites 2-4 are 3 historical remains consisting of 2 house foundations, and a livestock enclosure. They are all low local significance.

The author recommends that the grave site is fenced and incorporated into the planned township development.

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It is noted that this case is a re-application of a case created on SAHRIS in 2015 (Case ID 7557), whereby SAHRA approved the development. However, the environmental consulting company has changed, and only the Background Information Document has been submitted to SAHRA, it is not clear if there are changes to the scope of the project. Therefore, all environmental documents and the finalised town plan must be submitted to the case for commenting.

The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requires the environmental documents to be submitted to the case before commenting further on the development application.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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