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## **Interim Comment**

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

Attention: Enviroafrica CC

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### **Proposed development of a new truck stop and fuelling station along the N7, on Ptn 62 of Farm Biesjesfontein No. 218, south of Springbok, Northern Cape**

EnviroAfrica CC have been appointed by Namaqua N7 Truck Stop CC to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application process for the proposed truck stop and fuelling station along the N7 on Ptn 62 of Farm Biesjesfontein No. 218, south of Springbok, Northern Cape.

A draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA), and NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations will be conducted. A project notification letter has been submitted to the case that notes the deadline for comments as the 15 December 2016.

Natura Viva cc and ACRM have been appointed to provide the heritage specialist reports as part of the EA process in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

*Almond, J. 2018. Palaeontological Specialist Study: Letter of Exemption. Proposed Namaqua N7 Truck stop on portion 62 of Farm Biesjesfontein 218 near Springbok, Namaqua District, Northern Cape.*

The proposed development is underlain by Precambrian gneiss that is unfossiliferous. The gneiss is overlain by sandy Late Caenozoic superficial sediments that are of low palaeontological sensitivity. As the project footprint is small and highly disturbed, it is highly unlikely.

Should any substantial fossil remains (e.g. vertebrate bones and teeth, shells, calcretised burrows) be encountered during construction, however, these should be reported to SAHRA for possible mitigation by a professional palaeontologist. A tabulated Chance Fossil Finds protocol is appended to the report.

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*Kaplan, J. 2018. Archaeological Heritage Assessment: Desktop Study. Proposed Namaqua N7 Truck Stop near Springbok, Northern Cape.*

The assessment showed that the proposed development area is highly disturbed due to previous agricultural activities. Photographs supplied by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) show a uniform landscape with no heritage features present. No recommendations are provided.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that the BAR and appendices conducted for the report in 2016/2017 be submitted. Additionally, if a recent BAR has been conducted, the report and appendices must be submitted so that an informed comment may be issued.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above.

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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