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In terms of Section 38(8), 38(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: National Department of Public Works

Clearing of land for the future township expansion and the upgrades and rehabilitation at the Oshoek border post on the South Africa side of the border with Swaziland.

The Department of Public Works is proposing to clear land (19.5) for the future expansion of the township in the Oshoek Border Post on the farm Oshoek 212 IT, in Albert Luthuli Local Municipality of Mpumalanga Province. The department is proposing to also refurbish existing old buildings on site and demolish buildings that are not protected by the National Heritage Resources Act, 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Delta Built Environment Consultants cc is undertaking a Basic Assessment (BAR) process on behalf of Bushbuckridge Local Municipality, in respect of listed activities in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2017, that require an application for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA). A Public Participation Notice has been submitted to SAHRA in terms of section 38(8) of the NHRA for commenting. In an interim comment issued on 20/08/2018

Van Schalkwyk, January 2018. Phase 1 Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment: The Proposed Upgrade of the Oshoek Land Port of Entry, Swaziland Border, Albert Luthuli District Municipality, Mpumalanga Province

The author undertook a field assessment of the proposed development area and identified one (1) historical house of medium heritage significance. The house is still in use and in good condition. The author recommends the retention of the site or the recording of the site before destruction.

Bamford, M. October 2018. Palaeontological Impact Assessment for the proposed rehabilitation of the SA-Swaziland border post at Oshoek, Mpumalanga Province. Desktop Study.

The proposed development area is underlain partly by the lava and pyroclastic rocks of the Onverwacht Group and partly by sandstones, shales and conglomerates of the Moodies Groups, both in the Barberton Sequence). There is a small chance of fossils occurring in rocks of the Moodies and Onverwacht Group can be expected, however, there have been no reported finds for the development area. The author recommends that the onsite construction manager/ECO/Geologist, who ever is in charge should monitor excavations. If any



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fossil material is identified, then it must be put aside for a palaeontologist to inspect the finds.

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The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts the heritage reports submitted to the case and the proposal by the department of public works to refurbish old protected buildings within the proposed development area. Since the identified historical building is older than 60 years, comments must be obtained from the Mpumalanga Heritage Resources Authority (MPHRA) prior to construction. SAHRA has no objections to the proposed development on the following conditions:

- Any proposed amendments to the structure will require a permit application, applied to the MPHRA. Please contact Mr Ben Moduka at bmoduka@mpg.gov.za for further information.
- In the unlikely event that fossils are uncovered during construction then construction must cease within the immediate vicinity, a buffer of 30 m must be established, and a palaeontologist called in to inspect the finds. The palaeontologist must obtain a section 35(4) permit in terms of NHRA and Chapter IV NHRA Regulations, before any fossils are collected.
- If there are any new heritages resources are discovered during construction and operation phases of the proposed development, then a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the findings at the expense of the developer.
- If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required at the expense of the developer. Mitigation will only be carried out after the archaeologist or palaeontologist obtains a permit in terms of section 35 of the NHRA (Act 25 of 1999). You may contact SAHRA APM Unit for further details: (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Phillip Hine 021 202 8654).
- If any unmarked human burials are uncovered and the archaeologist called in to inspect the finds and/or the police find them to be heritage graves, then mitigation may be necessary and the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit must be contacted for processes to follow (Thingahangwi Tshivase/Mimi Seetelo 072 802 1251).
- The record or decision from the competent authority must be uploaded to the case once it is available for public review.

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

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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/511679>

Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.