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## **Final Comment**

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

Attention: Enviroafrica CC

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**The site is located on Erf 205, Vaalkoppies Nedersetting, located approximately 6km east of Upington, off the N10. It is proposed that a portion (2500m<sup>2</sup>) of the property be rezoned to accommodate a pig abattoir. The proposed facility will slaughter and process approximately six (6) pigs per day. No animals are expected to be concentrated on the site, with all animals being brought to the facility. It is also expected that no waste, waste by - products etc. will be disposed of on-site, but will rather be removed from the premises and disposed of at a licensed waste facility. PROPOSED PIG ABATTOIR, ERF 205, VAALKOPPIES NEDERSETTING, UPINGTON, NORTHERN CAPE**

EnviroAfrica CC have been appointed by Cerdos Boerdery to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application process for the proposed Pig Abattoir on Erf 205, Vaalkoppies Nedersetting, near Upington, Northern Cape Province.

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 has been submitted.

The draft BAR notes that no heritage is expected to be present, however, no Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) that complies with section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) has been submitted in terms of section 38(8) of the NHRA.

In an Interim Comment issued on 03/10/2018, SAHRA requested that an HIA inclusive of a palaeontological assessment, be conducted as part of the BAR process.

*Lavin, J. 2018. Desktop Heritage Screening Assessment: Proposed Pig Abattoir, Erf 205, Vaalkoppies Nedersetting, Dawid Kruiper Municipality.*

The desktop report showed that the development area is highly disturbed, and no heritage resources are

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expected to be impacted. No palaeontological desktop study conducted by a qualified palaeontologist has been submitted as part of the report, however the section within the report regarding palaeontological resources is noted. No recommendations are provided.

In an Interim Comment issued on the 21/12/2018 SAHRA noted that while the 30-day NEMA commenting timeframe as lapsed, SAHRA must note that the application is lacking a Palaeontological Desktop study conducted by a qualified palaeontologist. SAHRA cannot provide further comments until the Interim Comment issued on the 03/10/2018 is complied with. The applicant is strongly urged to comply.

Since the issuing of the Interim Comment, the submitted Heritage Screener has been reviewed and supported by Dr J Almond, a qualified palaeontologist.

### **Final Comment**

SAHRA cannot provide official comments on the application as the 30-day NEMA commenting timeframe as lapsed. However, SAHRA recommends that the following conditions are followed to ensure no accidental damage to heritage resources that may be present beneath the surface:

- The Final BAR must be submitted to SAHRA for record purposes;
- If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. A professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA;
- The decision regarding the EA Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application.

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

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Yours faithfully

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