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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) 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 (2500m²) 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.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that an HIA be conducted for the proposed pig abattoir on Erf 205 as part of the BAR process in terms of section 38(3) and 38(8) of the NHRA. The HIA must include an assessment of archaeological and palaeontological resources. The applicant is advised to apply for an extension of the BAR process in terms of section 19(1)b of the NEMA Regulations to allow for these studies to be conducted.

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The quickest process to follow for the archaeological component would be to contract a specialist (see www.asapa.org.za or www.aphp.org.za to provide an Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA). The AIA must comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Component of Impact Assessments. Should the archaeologist believe that no heritage resources will be impacted, a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption can be submitted, as per the above mentioned Minimum Standards.

The proposed prospecting area is located within an area of high sensitivity in terms of palaeontological resources as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. An assessment of the impact of the development on palaeontological resources is required to be completed by a qualified palaeontologist. The report must comply with the SAHRA 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments (a list of qualified palaeontologists can be supplied upon request). Should the palaeontologist believe that no palaeontological resources will be impacted, a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption can be submitted.

Any other heritage resources as defined in section 3 of the NHRA that may be impacted, such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed.

Further comments will be issue 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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