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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.

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. No recommendations are provided.

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While the 30-day NEMA commenting timeframe has lapsed, SAHRA must note that the application is lacking a Palaeontological Desktop study conducted by a qualified palaeontologist. As per the SAHRA 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments, a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption may also be submitted. 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.

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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