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Final Comment

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

Attention: Enviroafrica CC

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Proposed development of a 25m high telecommunication mast on Erf 275, Goodhouse Street, Concordia, Northern Cape

EnviroAfrica CC has been appointed to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) application process for the proposed telecommunications mast on Erf 275, Goodhouse Street, Concordia, Northern Cape. The proposed mast will be 25 m high.

CTS Heritage was appointed to provide a Heritage Impact Assessment as per section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) as part of the EA process

Lavin, J. 2018. Heritage Screening Assessment for the proposed construction of a 25m high telecommunication mast on Erf 275, Goodhouse Street, Concordia, Northern Cape.

The submitted document notes that no heritage resources will be impacted and that no further heritage studies are required.

Almond, J. 2018. Palaeontological Specialist Study: Letter of Exemption. Proposed telecommunications mast on erf 275, Concordia near Springbok, Namaqua District, Northern Cape.

The proposed development footprint is underlain by an area that is of very low sensitivity in terms of palaeontological resources, as the underlying bedrock (Precambrian gneiss) is completely unfossiliferous. The overlying sandy Late Caenozoic superficial sediments are of low palaeontological sensitivity. A Fossil Finds procedure has been submitted that details the steps to follow if fossils are uncovered.

In an Interim Comment issued on the 03/10/2018, SAHRA requested that the Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and appendices BE uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application so that an informed comment could be issued.

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The BAR and appendices have since been uploaded.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objection to the proposed development and supports the recommendations of the heritage specialist. The recommendations of the specialist and the following conditions must be included in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr):

- The Final BAR and EMPr 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. 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. 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;
- Should the project be granted Environmental Authorisation, SAHRA must be notified and all relevant documents submitted to the case file.

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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South African Heritage Resources Agency

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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/511856>

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.