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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Altman Investments (Pty) Ltd

Proposed expansion of Kgaswane Country Lodge on Portions 21 and 85 of the farm Boschfontein 330JQ, Rustenburg, North West Province.

HydroScience has been appointed by Altman Investments (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed expansion of Kgaswane Country Lodge on portion 21 and 85 of the farm Boschfontein 330JQ, Rustenburg, North West Province.

A Basic Assessment Report (BAR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, no 107 of 1998 (NEMA), NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. It must be noted that SAHRA was not included in the draft BAR commenting period. The proposed expansion includes the construction of 2-3 accommodation blocks on an existing disturbed footprint. Further activities will include earthworks and vegetation clearance, services (water and sewage pipelines) and storm water infrastructure.

The BAR does not include an assessment of heritage resources are required by section 24(4)b(iii) of the NEMA, and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). It must be noted that when an application is conducted in terms of the NEMA, section 38(1) of the NHRA and the associated triggers do not apply. The proposed expansion area is located in an area of high palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map, and therefore a desktop assessment of palaeontological resources is required.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) inclusive of an assessment of palaeontological resources is completed as part of the BAR and EA application. The HIA must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA, the AIA must comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Component of Impact Assessments, and the SAHRA 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments.

As the BAR has been finalised, SAHRA advises the applicant to apply for an extension of the EIA phase in

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terms of section 23(1)b of the NEMA EIA regulations in order to complete the outstanding requirements of the HIA as part of the EA application to be submitted to the Competent Authority. It must be noted that SAHRA has not issued a Final Comment on this case, as section 38(8) has not yet been complied with.

This comment must be forwarded directly to the competent authority and proof of the delivery and receipt thereof must be provided to SAHRA.

Further comments will be issued 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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