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Interim Comment

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

Attention: THABA CHWEU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) has been appointed by Koplan Intuthuko Planning & Development (KIPD) on behalf of the Thaba Chweu Municipality to assist in preparing and submitting the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Reports, a Water Use Licence Application (WULA) as well as undertaking a Public Participation Process (PPP), to obtain an Environmental Authorisation for the proposed Mashishing Township Establishment.

Koplan Intuthuko Planning and Development on behalf of Mpumalanga Department of Human Settlement is proposing to construct social housing on the outskirts of Lydenburg, on Portions 81 and 39 of the farm Lydenburg Town and Townlands 31 JT, within the Thaba Cheweu Local Municipality of Mpumalanga Province. The extent of the township will be 231.3 ha constructed in two phases (Phase A: 77.9 ha and Phase B 151 ha) and mostly zoned for residential zoning 1 with zoning for cemeteries, schools, business areas, municipal areas and public open spaces. Construction will include a temporary construction camp, laydown areas, site clearance and service infrastructure.

Environmental Impact Management Service (Pty) Ltd have been appointed by Koplan Intuthuko Planning and Development (Pty) Ltd to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment process in respect of listed activities in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2017 as amended, that require an application for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA), and a Water Use License in terms of the Water Use Licence Regulations, March 2017 in terms of the National Water Act, 36 of 1998.

To meet the requirements of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999, a Heritage Scoping Report by PGS Heritage has been submitted to South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) for commenting.

Fourie, W. January 2018. Heritage Scoping Report, for Inclusion in the Environmental Scoping Report for The Proposed Mashishing Housing Development, Mpumalanga

The author undertook a desktop study that found through research and historical maps that both Phase A and

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Phase B development area have heritage resources present. The author lists the potential impacts from medium to high and recommends a detailed field assessment for the EIA phase.

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South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts the Heritage Scoping Report and endorses the recommendation for a field assessment in the EIA, when the development layout is finalised. The proposed development is located on a highly palaeontological sensitive area; therefore, SAHRA requires a field based Palaeontological Impact Assessment to be undertaken by a suitably qualified palaeontologist.

SAHRA will comment further once the HIA and a PIA reports, along with the environmental reports are submitted to the case.

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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