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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Koot Raubenheimer
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Township Establishment of Kathu Extensions 6 to 10 on Portions 1 and 2 of the farm Kalahari Golf en Jag Landgoed No. 775, Division Kuruman, Northern Cape Province; the removal of certain title restrictions, the consolidation of the above-mentioned farm portions as well as the re-subdivision thereof into five (5) portions

Gamagara Local Municipality appointed Maxim Planning Solutions Proprietary Limited to conduct an application process for the establishment of the proposed township Kathu Extensions 6 – 10, Kathu, Northern Cape Province.

The application is being undertaken in terms of the provisions of Section 32(1) of the Gamagara By-Law on Spatial Planning and Land Use Management and read with the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 (Act 16 of 2013), as well as the National Environmental Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) as amended and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed development will cover a combined total of 380,8600 ha and include residential type erven, business zones, institutional zones, open space erven, transport erven and authority erven.

APelser Archaeological Consulting was appointed to provide input for the NEMA Environmental Authorisation (EA) application as per section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Pelser, A. 2017. Report on a Phase 1 Heritage Assessment for the Proposed township establishment on portions 1 and 2 of the farm Kalahari Golf and Jag Landgoed 775, Gamagara Local Municipality (Kathu), Northern Cape Province.

A total of nine (9) heritage sites were identified within the proposed development area. These include 8 Stone Age surface scatters and one recent historical burial ground. It is assumed that sites 1 and 2 are made up of imported material deposited to build a road, and are therefore out of context. Sites 3, 4, 8 and 9 were rated as

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sites of low – medium significance, sites 1, 2,5 and 6 were rated as sites of medium – high significance, and site 7 was rated as a highly significant site.

Recommendations provided in the report include the following:

- Surface sampling of representative material is recommended to be undertaken at sites 1 and 2. The source of the borrow material to build the road that resulted in sites 1 and 2 must be identified;
- Care should be taken should the development occur within the vicinity of site 5 that if material is uncovered, an expert be called in to investigate;
- The streambed should be avoided by the development;
- It is recommended that a more detailed mapping and assessment of the Stone Age of the study area is undertaken;
- The grave site is to be avoided or relocated if it is not possible to avoid the site;
- Should any previously unknown or invisible sites, features or materials be uncovered during any development actions, then an expert should be contacted to investigate and provide recommendations for the way forward.

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SAHRA requests that a desktop Palaeontological Assessment be conducted for the proposed development as part of the EA Application process, as it is located within an area of moderate and high sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity Map. The assessment must be conducted by a qualified palaeontologist and must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested information.

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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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.