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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: Middelburg Muslim Jamaat

The applicant intends to develop a residential area on a portion of Portion 93 of the farm Rondebosch 403 JS, Middelburg. The proposed development will comprise residential stands, an institutional stand, Private Open Space and roads. The proposed site is 5.13 ha in extent and located adjacent to Riyadh Street, Eastdene X1, Middelburg, Mpumalanga.

Middelburg Muslim Jamaat is proposing to establish a mixed-use township on a 5.13 ha parcel of land in Eastdene Middelburg, in the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality of Mpumalanga Province. The proposed to extend to existing community eastward to meet the increasing housing demands, by constructing 21 residential units and an institutional stand within a gated community.

AdiEnvironmental cc (Pty) Ltd has submitted a Basic Assessment (BAR) process on behalf of the applicant, Middelburg Muslim Jamaat, in respect of listed activities in the EIA Regulations 2017, that require an application for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA), as amended.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999 (NHRA), heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are generally protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. In contexts of development applications, the developer must ensure that no heritage resources will be impacted by the proposed development, by lodging an application to SAHRA and submitting detailed development specifications as a notification of intent to develop. If the application is made in terms of s. 38 (8) of the NHRA then it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is undertaken, as s. 38(2)a does not apply. Such a study should follow the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports and section 38(3) of the NHRA.

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Any earth moving activities pose a threat to palaeontological and heritage resources, particularly in relatively

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undisturbed areas. Koppies, Mountains and River valleys are sensitive to these types of heritage resources. The area proposed for development is underlain by moderately sensitive fossiliferous rock strata that may be impacted by the development as well as the potential to impact on heritage resources.

Therefore, the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requires that a HIA and a desktop palaeontological assessment is conducted by suitably qualified archaeologist and palaeontologist respectively.

If you are unaware of any archaeologists and palaeontologists a list of them working within the Heritage Resources Management field are provided in the following websites: (see www.asapa.org.za) and (see www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za).

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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