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## Final Comment

### In terms of Section 38(8) 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. A BID document has been submitted to SAHRA in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 25 of 1999 for commenting.

*Fourie, H. January 2019. The Development of a Residential Area on a Portion of Portion 93 of the Farm Rondebosch 403-JS, Middelburg. Middelburg District Municipality, Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. Farm: Portion of Portion 93 Rondebosch 403-JS. Paleontological Impact Assessment: Phase 1 Field Study.*

The study area is underlain by sediments of the Dwyka Group, Karoo Supergroup, that outcrop in the proposed area. They may contain fossils; however no fossils were identified on the surface during the survey. It is also underlain by agglomerates and lava of the Loskop Formation, Waterberg Group, Transvaal Supergroup. The potential impact on fossil heritage is considered low and the author does not recommend further mitigation measures.

*Van Vollenhoven, A.C. December 2018. A Report on a Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Development of a Residential Area on a Portion of Portion 93 of the Farm Rondebosch 403 JS, Middelburg,*



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### *Mpumalanga Province.*

The author undertook a field survey of the proposed development and identified 2 heritage sites. Site 1 is the remains of a stone foundations of a house and the remains of brick wall enclosure thought to be used as a pigsty. Site 2 consists of the remains of a one roomed brick building thought to be a farm workers house. Both sites are of local low significance.

The author recommends no further mitigation measures, the sites are recorded in the report and they can be destroyed.

### **Final Comment**

The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts the HIA and the PIA reports submitted to the case for commenting, and has no objection to the development going ahead on the following conditions.

SAHRA cannot comment on historical buildings younger than 100 years and older than 60 years, and the HIA stated that they are historical buildings. Therefore, comment regarding the retention or destruction of the buildings identified in the HIA report must be obtained from the Mpumalanga Heritage Resources Authority (MPHRA). Please contact Mr Benjamin Moduka at [bmoduka@mpg.gov.za](mailto:bmoduka@mpg.gov.za) for processes to follow.

The Chance Finds Fossil Procedures as detailed in the PIA report under appendix 2 must be included in the EMPr.

The ECO and Construction manager must obtain training in identifying MSA stone tools that may be uncovered during construction. They must monitor all ground clearance and excavation activities in case any are uncovered.

In the event that fossils are uncovered during construction then construction must cease within the immediate vicinity, a buffer of 30 m must be established, and a palaeontologist called in to inspect the finds. The palaeontologist must obtain a section 35(4) permit in terms of NHRA and Chapter IV NHRA Regulations, before any fossils are collected.

If there are any new heritages resources are discovered during construction and operation phases of the proposed development, then a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the

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finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the findings at the expense of the developer.

If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required at the expense of the developer. Mitigation will only be carried out after the archaeologist or palaeontologist obtains a permit in terms of section 35 of the NHRA (Act 25 of 1999). You may contact SAHRA APM Unit for further details: (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Phillip Hine 021 202 8654).

If any unmarked human burials are uncovered and the archaeologist called in to inspect the finds and/or the police find them to be heritage graves, then mitigation may be necessary and the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit must be contacted for processes to follow (Thingahangwi Tshivase/Mimi Seetelo 072 802 1251).

The Final Bar and its appendices must be submitted to the case and once a Record of Decision from the competent authority is issued, it must also be 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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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/514674>  
(DARDLEA, Ref: 1/3/1/16/1N-174)

**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.