

**THE RE-LOCATION OF EXISTING EVAPORATION PONDS AND THE
CONSTRUCTION OF VINEYARDS ACROSS STREAMS ON PORTION 75 OF
FARM KEBOES NO 37, NORTHERN CAPE**

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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mr Piet Karstens
Newgro Farming PTY Ltd

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Pieter Badenhorst Professional Services was appointed by Newgro Farming (Pty) Ltd to conduct a section 24G rectification of cultivation of vineyards across small streams and relocation of existing evaporation ponds on portion 75 Farm Keboes no 37, Keimoes, Northern Cape Province.

A draft 24G Assessment Report has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, no 107 of 1998 (NEMA), NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The conducted activities included the clearance of 30 ha of indigenous vegetation and construction of evaporation ponds within a watercourse.

The Agency for Cultural Resources Management was appointed to provide specialist heritage input into the 24G application as per section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and 38(8) and 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Kaplan, J. 2019. Heritage Letter: Section 24G Rectification of cultivation of vineyards on portion 75 of farm Keboes no 37 near Keimoes, Kara Hais Municipality, Northern Cape.

The letter notes two separate Heritage Impact Assessments (HIA) conducted in 2008 and 2010 that did not identify any significant heritage resources. The specialist recommends that no further assessment of heritage resources is required for the 24G application.

In an Interim Comment issued on the 18/03/2019, SAHRA requested that an assessment of the potential palaeontological resources that may have been impacted by the unauthorized activities be conducted, as the development footprint is located within an area of moderate sensitivity for palaeontological resources as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map.

A Palaeontological Desktop Assessment conducted in 2009 for a housing development over adjacent portions

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of the farm Keboes No 37 has been submitted for review.

Rubidge, B. 2009. Farm Keboes 37, Upington: Palaeontological Impact.

The development area is underlain by Precambrian rocks, granites of the Keimoes Suite and Areachap Formation that do not contain fossils. Recommendations provided in the report include that if fossils are encountered during the course of the development, a suitably qualified palaeontologist must be contacted to assess the situation.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot accept the submitted Palaeontological Desktop Study as it has not assessed the current area under application and does not comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of a compliant report.

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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