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

Attention: Naledzi Environmental Consultants

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The proposed 60 hectare Musina housing development on farm Messina 4MT within Musina Local Municipality in the Vhembe District Municipality, Limpopo Province.

Ndidali Quantity Surveyors (Pty) Ltd are proposing to construct a housing development 3 km outside the town of Musina, on the farm Messina 4 MT, in the Musina Local Municipality of Limpopo Province. The extent of the proposed development will be 60 ha, consisting of an office park, recreational facilities, shopping complex, hospital, filling station, residential housing, a hotel and bulk services.

Naledzi Environmental Consultants cc have been appointed by Ndidali Quantity Surveyors (Pty) Ltd to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process in respect of listed activities in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014, as amended, that require an application for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA), as amended. As well as a water use licence in terms of the National Water Act (Act No.36 of 1998) (NWA) under Section 21(c) and (g) Water Uses.

To meet the requirements of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999, a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) Report by Millenium Heritage Group (Pty) Ltd has been submitted to South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) for commenting.

Mathoho, E. November 2018. Phase I Heritage Impact Assessment Relating to the Proposed Musina Housing Development and Associated Facilities and Infrastructure on the Farm Messina 4MT within Musina Local Municipality in the Limpopo Province, South Africa.

The author undertook a field assessment of the proposed residential development area and identified 2 heritage sites, namely a possible grave, a dilapidated one roomed housing, and a landing strip that is no longer in use. Generally, the area that was surveyed has been disturbed by previous development. The author



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recommends no further mitigation measures for the historical structures in disuse, as they are not protected by the NHRA because they are not 60 years old. The single grave should be retained within the proposed development, if it is not possible then a grave relocation process should be initiated.

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot accept the report as it is, because it does not contain relevant information in terms of the NHRA section 38(3)a,b,c,e. The HIA must be amended to include a map of the field survey tracks log and historical maps of the area if available. This is to determine the relative age of the structures identified during the field survey particularly the one room dilapidated building as it was not indicated on any map in the HIA report. This site must also be geo-located and included in a map.

A .kml file must be uploaded to the palaeo-sensitivity map on the location info of the case, on SAHRIS. If the development area is underlain by palaeontological sensitive geological strata than an assessment may be required.

When the environmental documents become available during the EA application process, they must be uploaded to the case along with the Scoping Report/EIA report appendices.

SAHRA will comment once the above requested information is uploaded to this 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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