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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: Kroon's Gourmet Chickens (Pty) Ltd

Kroon's Gourmet Chickens proposes the development of a new hatchery: Three (3) potential sites are proposed: Site 1 is located on Portion 107 of the Farm Hartebeestfontein 445 JQ; Site 2 is located on Portion 322 of the Farm Hartebeestfontein 445 JQ; and Site 3 is located on Portion 33 and 168 of the Farm Hartebeestfontein 445 JQ.

Bokamos Landscape Architects and Environmental Consultants CC have been appointed by Kroon's Gourmet Chickens (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed hatchery on Portion 107 of the Farm Hartebeestfontein 445 JQ; Portion 322 of the Farm Hartebeestfontein 445 JQ; and Portion 33 and 168 of the Farm Hartebeestfontein 445 JQ, near Hartebeespoort, North West Province.

A Basic Assessment Report (BAR) process will be completed in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, no 107 of 1998 (NEMA), NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. A project notification has been submitted noting that the development triggers section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act, No 25 of 1999 (NHRA) and that an Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) will be submitted to the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority of Gauteng (PHRA-G).

An HIA has been submitted to the case in terms of section 38 of the NHRA has been conducted as part of the EA process by APelser Archaeological Consulting.

Pelser, A. 2019. Phase 1 HIA Report for the Proposed Kroon's Gourmet Chicken Hatchery on various Portions of the Farm Hartebeestfontein 445JQ Madibeng Local Municipality, Northwest Province.

A total of two (2) heritage sites were identified within the first and third areas of the proposed development. No heritage sites were identified within the second area under applications. The heritage site in the first area is a historical homestead rating as having a Grade IVc grading and is not worthy of conservation, though no assessment of the impact is provided. The second site identified within the third area for proposed development comprised a cemetery of between 30 – 50 graves. The site has been given a significance rating of Grade III and is worthy of conservation. It is noted that the burial ground is located outside of the direct

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development footprint, however indirect impacts may occur.

Recommendations provided in the report include the following:

- No mitigation is required for the historical homestead;
- Clean site (burial ground) and document graves. Fence-in and protect and include in a Graves Management Plan. Normally if graves cannot be protected in situ and is to be negatively impacted then they could be exhumed and relocated after detailed consultation with possible descendants have been concluded and permits have been obtained from various local, provincial and National government departments;
- From a Cultural Heritage Point of View Sites 1 and 2 would be the most preferred for the proposed development, as there would be no impacts on any archaeological and/or historical sites, features or material. Site 3, with the Grave Site in close proximity, would be the least preferred. However, if the development is to take place on Site 3 then the graves can be exhumed and relocated after all due processes have been followed and the relevant permits have been obtained.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit would like to highlight the following:

- The current application does not trigger section 38(1) of the NHRA, but rather section 38(8) of the NHRA;
- That the application must be submitted to the North West Provincial Heritage Resources Authority (NWPHRA) as the proposed development is to be located in the North West Province.

Furthermore, SAHRA APM Unit requests that the HIA be revised to comply with section 38(3)a, c, d, e and f of the NHRA. The identified sites must be provided with unique site names and the impact to the sites must be adequately assessed.

The quickest process to follow for the archaeological component would be to contract a qualified archaeologist (see www.asapa.co.za or www.aphp.org.za to provide an Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA). The AIA must comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Component of Impact Assessments.

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No assessment of the impact to palaeontological resources is required as the proposed development is located within an area of insignificant sensitivity for palaeontological resources as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map.

Finally, the draft BAR and associated appendices must be submitted so that an informed comment may be issued. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above.

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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