

THE PROPOSED MAKAPASTAD AGRIPARK ON PORTION 2 OF THE FARM GEODGEWAARD 60 JR WITHIN MORETELE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OF THE BOJANALA DISTRICT , NORTH WEST PROVINCE, SOUTH AFRICA

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Interim Comment

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

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Plantago Lanceolata (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application process for the proposed Makapanstad Agri-Hub on farm Goedgewaad 60 JR, near Makapanstad, North West Province.

A Scoping Report in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations has been submitted. The proposed infrastructure includes feedlot facility, abattoir, main processing & packaging building, office facilities and a retail facility over 40 ha. Civil services such as water, electricity and roads will also be constructed.

Millenium Heritage Group (Pty) Ltd has been appointed to provide heritage specialist input as per section 24(4)b(iii) of the NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, No 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Mathoho, N. E. 2019. Heritage Impact Assessment relating to the Proposed Makapastad Agripark on Portion 2 of the Farm Geodgewaad 60 JR within Moretele Local Municipality of the Bojanala District, North West Province, South Africa.

No heritage resources were identified within the proposed development area. However, as a result of social

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consultation, three burial grounds are known to have existed within the development footprint though the exact location is unknown.

Recommendations provide in the report include the following:

- The burial grounds are not considered to be under threat since the developers are aware of their existence. It is strongly recommended that the area should be well demarcated by palisade fence with a small gate for access by family members and a small management plan should be drafted to safe guard the burial sites from future cumulative impacts. It is strongly recommended that aspects such as access routes and landscaping of gardens should be designed not to disturb the grave site;
- Should chance finds be recovered during the constructions phase of the proposed development, work must be stopped immediately. A report must be made to the nearest heritage authority. Based on this assessment we recommend to the Provincial Heritage Resource Agency or South African Heritage Resource Agency to approve the project as planned.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that the HIA be revised to address the requirements of section 38(3)a, b, c, d and f. There has been no map provided of the general area as noted in the recommendation provided in the report with regards to the fencing off of the burial ground. Additionally, no assessment of the significance of the resource nor the impact to the resource has been conducted. A tracklog of the survey must be supplied in the revised HIA.

A field-based Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be conducted as the proposed development footprint is located in an area of very high palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. The PIA must be conducted by a qualified palaeontologist and must comply with the 2012 SAHRA Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments.

All the appendices associated with the Scoping report must be submitted to the case so that an informed comment can be issued. It must be noted that the above requested studies must be completed as part of the EA process. 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.

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