HIA Exemption for formalisation of housing development Giyani

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

Attention: Phaki Phakanani

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A Letter of Recommendation for The Exemption of a Full Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) For The Formalisation of Demarcated Sites on a Portion of The Remainder Extent of The Farm Giyani 891-LT within the Greater Giyani Local Municipality, Limpopo Province

Cultural Resource Consultants cc have been appointed by Phakanani Environmental (Pty) Ltd to undertake a field-based Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) for the formalisation of the demarcation of sites located on a portion of the remainder of the farm Giyani 891 LT within the Greater Giyani Local Municipality, Limpopo Province. The extent of the proposed project is 56.1236 ha of which some of the land has been developed and the rest has already been cleared and surfaced. To meet the requirements of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) a Letter of Recommendation for exemption has been submitted to SAHRA.

Roodt, F. March 2019. A Letter of Recommendation for the Exemption of a Full Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) for the Formalisation of Demarcated Sites on a Portion of the Remainder Extent of the Farm Giyani 891-LT within the Greater Giyani Local Municipality, Limpopo Province.

The author undertook a field survey of the proposed development area and did not identify any heritage resources. The author is recommending no further studies and an exemption from compiling and submitting a HIA report.

Interim Comment

South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot accept the Letter of Recommendation for Exemption from undertaking a Heritage Impact Assessment Letter submitted by Dr F. Roodt. The Letter does not provide enough information for SAHRA to determine whether heritage was impacted on when development activities commenced without comment/decision from SAHRA. It is also not clear in terms of which section 38 of the NHRA application this case constitutes.

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Therefore, SAHRA requires a detailed HIA report must be submitted to the case, the report must comply with the SAHRA 2007 Archaeology minimum standards for heritage reports policy as well as section 38(3). In addition, the report should contain a detailed literature review, as well as historical maps of the development location.

If this development is undergoing a Environmental Authorisation application in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act 108 of 1998 (NEMA), then the report in support of that application must be submitted to this case.

SAHRA will comment on this case further once the aforementioned reports are 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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