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

Attention: Kapama Private Game Reserve

Application for Environmental Authorization in terms of Section 24 G of NEMA: Development of Lodges, Roads and other Tourist Infrastructure in Kapama Private Game Reserve, Limpopo Province

Kapama Private Game Reserve (Pty) Ltd has commenced with the construction of tourism facilities within their nature reserve, that resulted in the clearance of 52 ha of natural vegetation, without prior authorisation. The nature reserve is located in the Maruleng Local Municipality of the Limpopo Province.

NuLeaf Planning and Environmental (Pty) Ltd have been appointed to undertake a Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) application process in support of an Environmental Authorisation application in terms of section 24(G) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA), as amended, for the unlawful commencement of activities regulated in the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014, as amended.

A retrospective Heritage Impact Assessment was undertaken by Coetzee, F. and submitted to SAHRA for commenting in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, no. 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Coetzee, F. April 2019. Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment: Phase 1 Investigation for the Development of Lodges, Roads and other Tourist Infrastructure in Kapama Private Game Reserve, Maruleng Local Municipality, Mopani District Municipality, Limpopo Province.

The author surveyed the remainder of Hoedspruit 82 KU, Portions 228, 213, 229, remainder of 204 of the farm Guernsey 81 KU, remainder of Portions 3 and 4 of the farm Moria 83 KU. As this was a retrospective impact assessment survey, the author concentrated the field survey in areas where development occurred. Only an isolated Middle Stone Aged stone tool was identified, in an erosion donga. This finding has no significance as it not in its original context. The author does not recommend any mitigation for the isolated MSA stone tool find.

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South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts the HIA and has no objection to the development going ahead.

In the unlikely event that fossils are uncovered during construction then construction must cease within the immediate vicinity, a buffer of 30 m must be established, and a palaeontologist called in to inspect the finds. The palaeontologist must obtain a section 35(4) permit in terms of NHRA and Chapter IV NHRA Regulations, before any fossils are collected.

If there are any new heritages resources are discovered during construction and operation phases of the proposed development, then a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the findings at the expense of the developer.

If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required at the expense of the developer. Mitigation will only be carried out after the archaeologist or palaeontologist obtains a permit in terms of section 35 of the NHRA (Act 25 of 1999). You may contact SAHRA APM Unit for further details: (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Phillip Hine 021 202 8654).

If any unmarked human burials are uncovered and the archaeologist called in to inspect the finds and/or the police find them to be heritage graves, then mitigation may be necessary and the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit must be contacted for processes to follow (Thingahangwi Tshivase/Mimi Seetelo 072 802 1251).

The EIA and its appendices must be submitted to the case and once a Record of Decision from the competent authority is issued, it must also be submitted to the case. This comment must be forwarded to the competent authority and proof of submission must be uploaded 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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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/523726>
(LDEDET, Ref:)

Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.