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## Interim Comment

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

Attention: Emross Consulting (Pty) Ltd

#### **Proposed installation of a Fibre Optic Cable, development of ablution facilities, the activation of a borehole with associated electrical and water reticulation, construction of an evaporation pond and various renovations and additions at Ravenscourt Ranch, Sabi Sands**

Ravenscourt Ranch (Pty) Ltd are proposing to construct a new underground water pipeline, underground fibre optic line, 22kV transformer and underground power line. As well as new staff ablution facilities, houses, new gym, boutique shop and other lodge facilities. The Ranch is located within the Sabi Sands Game Reserve, on the farms Ravenscourt 257 KU and Castleton 260 KU, in the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality of the Mpumalanga Province.

Emross Consulting (Pty) Ltd have submitted a draft Background Information Document (BID) on behalf of the applicant, Ravenscourt Ranch (Pty) Ltd, in support of an application for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) for listed activities in the NEMA 2014 EIA Regulations as amended.

In order to meet the requirements of SAHRA for commenting in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, no. 25 of 1999 (NHRA), a Heritage Impact Assessment by African Conservation Trust (ACT) has been submitted to SAHRA for commenting.

*Radford van De Venter, A. and Grossman, C. June 2019. Heritage Impact Assessment Report for the Installation of a Fibre Optic Cable, Development of Ablution Facilities, the Activation of a Borehole with Associated Electrical and Water Reticulation, Construction of an Evaporation Pond and Various Renovations and Additions, Ravenscourt Ranch, Sabi Sands Game Reserve (Mpumalanga Province).*

The author undertook a field survey of the proposed development areas and identified 3 heritage sites (SS-01; SS-02; and SS-03) that will be directly impacted by the proposed development. The author rates SS-1 and SS-02 are isolated MSA stone tool finds along the road cutting, that are of low significance and the author recommends that the development may proceed without further intervention for these sites. SS-03 is Early Iron

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Age site of medium significance. The author recommends monitored during construction, to avoid potential impacts due to its proximity to the proposed development activities.

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South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit will process the case further and make a more informed comment once the Basic Assessment report is 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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