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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Koot Raubenheimer

Maxim Planning Solutions

PO Box 6848 Flamwood 2572

Proposed township establishment on 361,4146 hectares on a portion of the Remaining Extent of Erven 1 and 3, Kuruman and a portion of the Remaining Extent of Portion 3 of the farm Kuruman Reserve No. 690, Division Kuruman, Northern Cape Province

Maxim Planning Solutions has been appointed by the Ga-Segonyana Local Municipality to conduct an application in terms of several sections of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management By-Law of the Ga-Segonyana Local Municipality read together with the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, Act 16 of 2013 (SPLUMA).

The Memorandum report notes that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was undertaken in terms of section 24 and 24(D) of the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA), and that the Final EIA was submitted for decision making procedures during May 2019.

The proposed development includes the establishment of six (6) townships on several properties that are to include residential erven, business zones, institutional zones, open space zones, authority zones, and transport zones. The proposed development area has been heavily impacted by existing residential dwellings and activities.

A Pelser Archaeological Consulting was appointed to provide heritage specialist input for the Memorandum as per section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Pelser, A. 2018. Report on a phase 1 HIA for the proposed township development promised land on a portion of the remaining extent of Erven 1 and 3 Kuruman and a portion of the remaining extent of portion 3 of the farm Kuruman Reserve No. 690 at Ga-Segonyana Local Municipality.

No heritage resources were identified within the proposed development area. A recommendation provided in

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the report includes the following:

• There is always a possibility that some might have been missed as a result of grass cover and other factors. The subterranean nature of these resources (including low stone-packed or unmarked graves) should also be taken into consideration. Should any previously unknown or invisible sites, features or material be uncovered during any development actions then an expert should be contacted to investigate and provide recommendations on the way forward.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests the following documents before further comments may be provided:

- The Final EIA report conducted by AB Enviro-Consult as the impact to heritage resources should be included in the EIA process as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA;
- A field-based Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) as the development footprint is located in an area of very high palaeontological sensitivity. The PIA must be conducted by a qualified palaeontologist and must comply with the SAHRA 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested documents.

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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