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

Attention: National Department of Health

Project Background: The building of a proposed new 488 bed central hospital, Limpopo Central Hospital (LCH), on a new site in Polokwane, Limpopo Province, that will provide the tertiary care for the province and which will be the major teaching hospital for the University of Limpopo Faculty of Health Sciences and School of Medicine. The proposed Limpopo Central Hospital is situated within the Limpopo Province. The proposed project footprint falls within the jurisdiction of the Capricorn District Municipality (DM), and the Polokwane Local Municipality (LM). The proposed Limpopo Central Hospital is currently situated between Edupark, the Northern Academy Secondary School and the N1 road. The proposed site is located on the remainder of Erf 6861 of Pietersburg Extension 30. **Project Scope:** There will be provision of the following at the new facility: ? 488 beds clinical care capacity for a wide range of highly specialised care; ? Mostly arranged in 28 bed wards (comprising some single-bed, double-bed, four bed and six bed units); ? Specific intensive care units (ICU) and high care (HC) layouts; ? Maternal and child health (MCH) (Paediatrics and Obstetrics & Gynaecology) will be consolidated on the site separate to the adult component but sharing clinical and hospital support services; ? A mothers lodge (capacity of 24); ? A pregnant mothers lodge (capacity of 18); ? Transit – waiting (capacity of 12); and ? A day procedure beds (capacity of 12) There will be support for a complete tertiary clinical care and academic complex core teaching capacity, comprising of a 488 x L3 beds at Limpopo Central Hospital delivering Provincial Tertiary Services (T1) and Central Referral Services (T2) care in most major clinical disciplines.

The University of Limpopo are proposing to construct a hospital in Erf 6861 of Pietersburg Extension 30 of the town of Polokwane, in the Polokwane Local Municipality of the Limpopo Province. The new hospital will be named the Limpopo Central Hospital and will be a teaching hospital with a 488-bed capacity.

Nemai Environmental, Social and OHS Consultants (Pty) Ltd have been appointed to undertake the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) application process in support of an Environmental Authorisation application, made on behalf of the applicant. The application process is in respect of listed activities in the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, that require an application for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA).



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A draft Scoping Report has been submitted to SAHRA in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 25 of 1999 for commenting.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999 (NHRA), heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are generally protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. In contexts of development applications, the developer must ensure that no heritage resources will be impacted by the proposed development, by lodging an application to SAHRA and submitting detailed development specifications as a notification of intent to develop. If the application is made in terms of s. 38 (8) of the NHRA then it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is undertaken, as s. 38(2)a does not apply. Such a study should follow the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports and section 38(3) of the NHRA.

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Any earth moving activities pose a threat to heritage resources, particularly in relatively undisturbed areas. Koppies, Mountains and River valleys as well as coal mining areas are sensitive to these types of heritage resources, which should be assessed for potential impacts as part of the HIA in terms of section 38(3) of the NHRA. The area surround the town of Polokwane is known for the occurrence of stone walled sites of the Later Iron Age.

Therefore, the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requires that a HIA must be undertaken for the proposed Limpopo Central Hospital. The HIA must be undertaken by a qualified archaeologist and the report must be submitted to SAHRA for commenting in the EIA phase.

SAHRA APM unit will process the case further once the above requested 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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