

**THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF SHOPPING CENTRE AND FILLING STATION SITUATED AT MADOMBIDZHA ON PORTION OF PORTION 7 AND PORTION OF PORTION 8 OF FARM NOOITGEDACHT 290 LS**

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## **Final Comment**

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

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**The proposed development of shopping Centre and Filling Station is situated at coordinates 23o06'53.32" S and 29o49'14.49"E in Madombidzha on portion of portion 7 and portion of portion 8 of farm NOOITGEDACHT 290 LS, within the jurisdiction of the Makhado Local Municipality and it is furthermore situated within the area of jurisdiction of the Vhembe District Municipality in Limpopo Province.**

SAHRA was notified about the proposal to establish the Madombidzha Shopping Centre and Filling Station situated on Portion of Portion 7 and Portion of Portion 8 on Farm Nooitgedacht 290 LS, in the Makhado Local Municipality of the Limpopo Province. The proposed Shopping Centre and Fillings Station will be subdivided from portion 7 and portion 8 which will be a subdivision of 3,5 from portion 7 and 3,6 from portion 8 which makes it a total of 7.1 Hectares of the shopping centre and filling station development.

The shopping Centre will occupy 10 589 m<sup>2</sup> from the 7,1 Hectares overall site area for the development, and it will include landscaping, internal roads, parking and small taxi rank. Filling Station will occupy 288m<sup>2</sup> from the 7,1 Hectares overall site for the development, and will consist of the installation of four underground storage tanks of which two will store 23m<sup>3</sup> (23 000 L) X 2 litres of petrol each (Unleaded 95 and unleaded 93) and the other two tanks will store 23m<sup>3</sup> (23 000 L) X 2 litres of diesel each (50 ppm and 100 ppm ). The combined storage capacity of the tanks will be 92m<sup>3</sup> (92 000 L). Overall total for Phase 1 is 10 877 m<sup>2</sup> from the 7,1 Hectares which covers the shopping centre and filling station.

Plantago Lanceolata (Pty) Ltd has been appointed to undertake a Basic Assessment application process in support for an Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act no 107 of 1998 (NEMA) as amended, for activities that trigger the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment

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(EIA) 2014 Regulations, as amended.

A Heritage Impact Assessment by Vhubvo Hashu Archaeo-Heritage Consultants cc has been submitted to SAHRA for commenting in terms of section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, no. 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

*Magoma, M. October 2018. Phase 1 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment Specialist Report for proposed Madombidzha Shopping Complex and Filling Station at Madombidzha within Makhado Local Municipality of Vhembe District in Limpopo Province.*

The author undertook a field assessment of the proposed development area and identified a delapidated house located in the southern part of the proposed development area is less than 60 years and not protected in terms of the act. The author recommends a construction awareness programme which teaches the construction team on how to identify various heritage resources that may be uncovered during ground clearance and excavations.

The development is located in an insignificant palaeo-sensitivity zone and according to the SAHRIS palaeosensitivity policy the development is exempted from undertaking a palaeontological impact assessment.

### **Final Comment**

The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts the HIA report submitted to the case for commenting, and has no objection to the development going ahead on the following conditions:

The ECO and Construction manager must obtain training in identifying MSA stone tools and other archaeological artefacts that may be uncovered during construction. They must monitor all ground clearance and excavation activities in case any are uncovered.

In the 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

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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 Final BAR 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.

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/526550>

**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.