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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 Tshakuma Shopping Centre on farm Geodverwaching 19 LT. The activity will cover approximately 7.7 hectares of the remainder of the Farm Goedverwaching 19 LT at Tshakuma village within the jurisdiction of Makhado Local Municipality of Vhembe District.

Tshakuma Development Trust is proposing to construct the Tshakuma Shopping Centre on the remainder of the Farm Goedverwaching 19 LT, Makhado Local Municipality, of Limpopo Province. The activity will cover approximately 7.7 hectares in to provide shopping facilities at Tshakuma village.

A draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) by Mweusi Mali Maendeleo (Pty) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2014 EIA Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA)(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 (HIA) by Integrated Specialist Services cc has been submitted to SAHRA for commenting.

Mlilo, T. November 2018. A Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment for the proposed development of a shopping mall, filling station and associated activities on a piece of land approximately 7.7 ha on a Portion of the remaining extent of the farm Goedverwaching 19 LT at Tshakuma Village within Makhado Local Municipality of Limpopo Province.

The author undertook a field assessment of the proposed development and did not identify any heritage resources within the proposed development area. The author recommends the Heritage chance finds

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procedures in the HIA report be included in the EMPr for construction.

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South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts the HIA report submitted to the case but due to the comment being released late, SAHRA wont be providing comments on the development. However we note that no heritage resources will be impacted during construction.

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 Record of Decision from the competent authority must 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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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/526573>

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.