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Final Comment

In terms of Section 38(4), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mr Duncan van Greunen

The proposed construction of chicken broiler houses on portion 78 of the farm Mezeg 77, in the vicinity of Zeerust, North-West

EKO Environmental has been appointed by Mr. Duncan van Greunen to undertake an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed construction of Chicken Broiler Houses for the production of poultry on portion 78 of the farm Mezeg 77, Ramotshere Moila Local Municipality, North West (Ref: NWP/EIA/47/2019).

A draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) was submitted on the 03/09/2019 in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, no 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed development includes the construction of eight new chicken houses, stormwater management measures, and associated services that will cover approximately 4 ha.

The DBAR had noted that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) was completed, however, the report had not been submitted to SAHRA. SAHRA requested that the HIA be submitted for comment. The Final BAR was submitted on the 17/10/2019, however the HIA was only submitted to SAHRA on the 15/01/2020.

Mr. Tobias Coetzee was appointed to provide heritage specialist input as part of the BAR process as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Coetzee, T. 2019. Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment for the construction of Chicken Broiler Houses on a Portion of Portion 78 of the farm Mezeg 77JP, Zeerust, North West.

No heritage resources were identified within the proposed development area. A Chance Finds Procedure is recommended to be implemented.

It must be noted that the proposed development area is located within an area of moderate sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity Map. A desktop assessment of the impacts to palaeontological heritage is

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therefore required as part of the assessment of heritage resources.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot endorse this project as no assessment of palaeontological resources has been undertaken. The proposed project is located in an area of moderate sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. This map was available to the applicant and the required assessment should have been conducted as part of the EA process.

As the HIA was submitted on the 15/01/2020, SAHRA was unable to provide comments as part of the EA process, therefore section 38(8) of the NHRA has not been fully complied with. The BAR was finalised in October 2019.

SAHRA advises the Department of Environmental Affairs to reject the application for the proposed construction of Chicken Broiler Houses for the production of poultry on portion 78 of the farm Mezeg 77, Ramotshere Moila Local Municipality, North West (Ref: NWP/EIA/47/2019).

SAHRA requests that this comment be forwarded directly to the competent authority and proof of the delivery and receipt thereof must be submitted to SAHRIS 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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