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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Phokwane Local Municipality

Private Bag X3 Hartswater 8570

Proposed 6.30 hectares infill development on Portion 42 Farm Guldenskat No. 36 Jan Kempdorp, Phokwane Local Municipality, Northern Cape

NSVT Consultants have been appointed by the Phokwane Local Municipality to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed infill housing development in Jan Kempdorp, Northern Cape Province (NC/BA/25/FB/PHO/JAN1/2019).

A draft Basic Assessment Report (dBAR) will be submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, no 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed development will cover 6.3 ha.

Banzai Environmental and The McGregor Museum Archaeology Department have been 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).

Butler, E. 2019. Palaeontological Desktop Assessment of the Proposed Residential Development on Portion 42 of Farm Geldunskat No 36 in Jan Kempdorp, Phokwane Local Municipality, Northern Cape Province.

The proposed development is underlain by the Rietgat Formation of low palaeontological significance according to the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity Map. Therefore, no further palaeontological studies are recommended. A Chance Finds Protocol has been recommended.

Morris, D and Msawula, K. 2019. Heritage Impact Assessment (Archaeology) for the proposed Guldenskat Residential Development, Jan Kempdorp, Northern Cape.

No heritage sites were identified within the proposed development footprint as the area had already been disturbed. A single Stone Age flake and an Early Stone Age biface were identified within the proposed development area.

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Recommendations provided in the report include the following:

- The biface embedded in a calcrete block should be salvaged and sent to the McGregor Museum for curation;
- Provision for on-going heritage monitoring in an environmental management plan which also provides guidelines on what to do in the event of any major heritage feature being encountered during any phase of construction/maintenance;
- Should unexpected finds be made (e.g. precolonial burials; ostrich eggshell container cache; or localised Stone Age sites with stone tools, pottery, ash midden with bone/pottery; military remains), the relevant Heritage Authority should be contacted.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot accept the submitted PIA as it does not comply with the 2012 SAHRA Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments. The desktop PIA only provides a very brief description of the geological background of the Rietgat Formation which is stated in the report to be of low sensitivity (it is of moderate sensitivity) and completely lacks a description of potential palaeontological resources.

The SAHRA APM unit requests that the PIA be revised to correctly assess the geological formations to be impacted by proposed development.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of a revised report.

SAHRA advises the applicant to extend the EA process in terms of section 19(1)b of the NEMA Regulations in order to comply with this comment.

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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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.