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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: VODACOM (PTY) LTD

VODACOM SITE /NO: 6 KWAMBUZI NONGOMA 3880

This project will consist of an individual mast. The mast site will consist of the following components:
*** A site measuring approximately 8m x 10m in extent. * A lattice mast measuring approximately 25 meters in height. * A container housing electronic equipment surrounded by a steel palisade fence. The proposed development site is located in the Remhoogte area on the Remainder of the farm Remhoogte 476 JQ in the Madibeng Local Municipality area, Bojanala Platinum District Municipality, North West Province.**

Tekplan Environmental has been appointed by Vodacom (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for proposed telecommunications mast on Remainder of the farm Remhoogte 476 JQ in the Madibeng Local Municipality area, Bojanala Platinum District Municipality, North West Province.

A draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, no 107 of 1998 (NEMA), NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The proposed development will include the construction of a 25 m lattice mast and container housing equipment in an area that will measure 8 m x 10 m.

The DBAR has not included an assessment of heritage resources as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) that complies with section 38(3) of the NHRA. The proposed project footprint is located in an area of moderate palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that an assessment of the impacts to heritage resources that complies with section 38(3) of the NHRA as required by section 38(8) of the NHRA and section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA be conducted as part of the EA process.

The assessment must include an assessment of the impact to archaeological and palaeontological resources.

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The assessment of archaeological resources must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist and the report comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports (see www.asapa.co.za or www.aphp.org.za for a list of qualified archaeologists).

The palaeontological report must be conducted by a qualified palaeontologist and the report comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments (a list of qualified palaeontologists can be found at <https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html>).

Any other heritage resources as defined in section 3 of the NHRA that may be impacted, such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed.

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. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the requested above.

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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