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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: Estate D'Afrique

**Estate d'Afrique Master Association (the "estate") proposes to construct an access road from the Estate d'Afrique connecting to James road in Meerhof in the Hartbeespoort area, in ward 29 of the Madibeng Local Municipality which falls under the greater Bojanala Platinum District, North West Province. Currently the estate has one entry and one exit point located southwards on the R104 in accordance with the township establishment conditions. The proposed access road will be sealed and will extend about 460 metres long and about 6 metres wide which will include both lanes and associated embankments. The road will fall into properties owned by Man park (Pty) Ltd, Trans net Limited and the Republic of South Africa. The proposed access road will include the installation of stormwater infrastructure along the length of the road to facilitate the movement of storm water runoff and drainage from one side of the road to the other without damaging the structural integrity of the road itself. The road will also include the estate's new access-controlled gate at location: 25°45'55.56"8; 2r53'42.10"E. The proposed road route is situated across the foot of a ridge of the Witwatersberg, adjacent to the Hartbeespoort Dam.**

Prescali Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd have been appointed by Estate D'Afrique to undertake an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed new access road from Estate D'Afrique to James Road in Meerhof, within the jurisdiction of the Madibeng Local Municipality, Bonjanala Platinum District, North West Province.

A draft Basic Assessment Report (dBAR) has been 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 be 460 m long and 6 m wide, and will include the installation of stormwater infrastructure.

APelser Archaeological Consulting 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).

*Pelser, A. 2019. A Phase 1 HIA Report for the Estate D'Afrique New Access Road Project on Portions of the*

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*farm Hartebeespoort 482JQ and Welgegund 491JQ, near Hartebeespoort Dam, North West Province.*

No heritage resources were identified as part of the assessment. A Chance Finds Procedure is recommended to be implemented.

#### **Interim Comment**

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that a field based Palaeontological Impact Assessment be conducted as part of the EA application as the proposed development footprint is located within an area of High sensitivity for palaeontological resources as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. A field assessment is requested as there are good bedrock exposures present that may be examined by a qualified palaeontologist.

This PIA must be conducted by a qualified palaeontologist and the report must comply with the 2012 SAHRA Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments. The draft BAR must be amended to include the results of the field-based PIA.

The applicant is advised to extend the EA application 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 above requested report.

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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