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Final Comment

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

Attention: ECHO ACADEMY (PTY) LTD

9 Yvonne Street, Brackendowns, Alberton, 1448

The proposed development of an Echo Academy Private School, on the remainder of the farm Molenje 204 LT, Dovheni Village, Collins Chabane Local Municipality, Limpopo Province.

Echo Academy (Pty) Ltd are proposing to construct and operate a private school to be named Echo Academy in the Dovheni village. The village is located on the remainder of the farm Molenje 204 LT, in the Collin Chababe Local Municipality of the Limpopo Province. Construction will include the school block, administration block, sports and ablution facilities on 3 hectares of land owned by the Mulenzhe Traditional Council.

Mang Geo-Enviro Services (Pty) Ltd have submitted a Draft Basic Assessment report on behalf of the applicant, in support of an Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA), as amended, in respect of listed activities in the NEMA 2014 EIA Regulations, 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 by Vhufa Hashu Heritage Consultancy cc has been submitted to SAHRA for commenting.

Munyai, R.R. November 2019. Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment Report for the Proposed Echo Academy (Private School) on the Remainder of the Farm Molenje 204 LT within Collins Chabane Local Municipality of Vhembe District, Limpopo Province.

The author undertook a field survey of the proposed Echo Academy private school and did not identify any surface remains of heritage resources. The area is located on the outskirts of the Mutoti/Mavumbe village and a survey of the geotechnical investigations did not identify any heritage resources within the exposed soil. Also, the area is located in a grey palaeontological zone which has a negligible palaeontological sensitivity. The author provides no further recommendations and the development can go ahead.

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South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts the HIA report submitted to the case for commenting and has no objection to the development going ahead.

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 Final Bar and its appendices must be submitted to the case and once a Record of Decision from the competent authority is issued, it must also be submitted to the case. This comment must be forwarded to the competent authority and proof of submission must be uploaded 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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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.