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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: Air Mahumas (Pty) Ltd

The proposed Mahumas Farms project activities entails the following: • Construction of 8 chicken broiler houses, including associated infrastructure, where each chicken house is approximately 135m by 17m. • Construction of staff rooms, farm house, site offices, a weigh bridge, chicken mortality room & storage room. • Installation of 2x Boilers and Bunkers. • Installation of 2x smart tanks, where each is approximately 150 000 litres.

Tholoana Environmental Consulting CC has been appointed by Air Mahumas (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application process for the proposed 8 Broiler Chicken Houses: Mahumas Farms near Maanhaarrand, North West Province.

A draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed development will include the construction of eight (8) chicken broiler houses (135 m x 17 m), staff rooms, farm house, site offices, weigh bridge, chicken mortality room, storage room, boilers and bunkers, and smart tanks.

Millenium Heritage Group (Pty) Ltd has been appointed to provide heritage specialist input as part of the EA process as per section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA.

Mathoho, E. N. 2019. Archaeological Impact Assessment relating to the proposed poultry farm (8 broiler houses) on portion 42 of the farm Zandfontein 386 JQ near Magaliesburg within Rustenburg Local Municipality of the Bojananla District, North West Province, South Africa.

No heritage resources were identified within the proposed development footprint. A Chance Finds Procedure has been recommended to be implemented.

It is noted that while the development application area contains sections of high sensitivity for palaeontological resources as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map, however, the development footprint as depicted in the

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Site layout is located within areas of insignificant sensitivity.

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The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 3(4) of the NEMA Regulations and section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be included in the Final BAR and EMPr:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit no objections to the proposed development;
- 38(4)b – The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. Further additional specific conditions are provided for the development as follows:
- No further assessment of the impact to palaeontological resources is required. Should the development footprint change and be moved to the area of high sensitivity, a Palaeontological desktop assessment must be conducted before construction may commence and submitted to SAHRA for comment. No construction may occur without comments from SAHRA in this regard;
- 38(4)c(i) – If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)d – See section 51(1) of the NHRA;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:
- i) If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA;
- The Final BAR and EMPr must be submitted to SAHRA for record purposes;
- The decision regarding the EA Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the

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SAHRIS Case application.

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.