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## Interim Comment

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

Attention: Kapama Private Game Reserve

### Proposed Extensions to River Lodge and WWTW Upgrades in Kapama Private Game Reserve, Limpopo Province

Kapama Game Reserve (Pty) Ltd has commenced with the construction of various lodges: River lodge that sleeps 164 guests and 40 staff; Karula Camp that sleeps 24 guest and 40 staff; Southern Camp that sleeps 20 guest and 40 staff; Buffalo Camp that sleeps 8 guest and 20 staff; Drakensig staff village that sleeps 60 staff; Bosplaas staff village that sleeps 8 staff and Karula staff village that sleeps 20 staff. The Game Reserve is located on various farms near Hoedspruit, in the Maruleng Local Municipality, of Limpopo Province. The current Environmental Application is for the expansion of the River Lodge located within the plains of a river channel. Some additional infrastructure includes the construction of river crossings, water reservoirs and internal roads.

A draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) by NuLeaf Planning and Environmental (Pty) Ltd has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) for listed activities that trigger the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment 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 (HIA) has been submitted to SAHRA for commenting.

*Coetzee, F.P. April 2019. Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment: Phase 1 Investigation for the Development of Lodges, Roads and other Tourist Infrastructure in Kapama Private Game Reserve, Maruleng Local Municipality, Mopani District Municipality, Limpopo Province.*

The author undertook a field survey of the camps and lodge sites that have been constructed and identified one isolated MSA stone tool near the river lodge. No other heritage sites have been identified. The author recommends chance finds procedures that should be implemented if any heritage is accidentally uncovered. The author noted that the study area is underlain by Swazian Goudplaats Gneiss, Makhutswi Gneiss, the Nelspruit Suite (Granite and Migmatite), and further south the area is underlain by the younger Mpuluzi Granite

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Suite (Randian). The area is in a grey palaeontological zone and a palaeontological assessment is not required.

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SAHRA notes that the HIA was submitted for Case ID 13822 as well as this case without amendments to specify the activities under assessment.

South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot provide comments to this development because the HIA submitted to this case must clarify that it assessed the current proposed activities under this application in the HIA. Also, a .kml file must be submitted to the case, underneath the palaeo-sensitivity map in the cases edits.

SAHRA will comment further on this development once this letter is submitted to the case for 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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