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## Final 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) Lty has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2014 EIA Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA)(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) by 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



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Nelspruit Suite (Granite and Migmatite), and further south the area is underlain by the younger Mpuluzi Granite Suite (Randian). The area is in a grey palaeontological zone and a palaeontological assessment is not required.

## Final Comment

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.

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## ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/534760>  
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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.