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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Steve Tshwete Local Municipality

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HIA report on Portions 26 & 27 and HIA for Portions 364 Of the Farm Middelburg Town and Townlands 287-JS, Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province.

Steve Tshwete Local Municipality is proposing to develop a residential and mixed development on Portion 26, 27 and 364 of the Farm Middelburg Town and Townlands 287 JS in Middelburg, Mpumalanga Province. The proposed development area is 75 hectares in extent within the edge of existing town of Middelburg. Steve Tshwete Local Municipality are proposing to formalise an existing industrial township named Mhluzi, and to provide services to the individual stands and to construct a 35 m wide road and servitude that will be 3.8 ha in extent.

A draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) by Singo Consulting (Pty) 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 Integrated Specialist Services cc has been submitted to SAHRA for commenting.

Mlilo, T. June 2020. HIA report on Portions 26 & 27 Of the Farm Middelburg Town and Townlands 287-JS, Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province.

Mlilo, T. June 2020. HIA report on Portions 364 Of the Farm Middelburg Town and Townlands 287-JS, Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province.

The author undertook a field survey of the proposed development area and did not identify any heritage resources. The proposed development area is partially developed with informal housing and the other areas



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have been used as grazing areas. The potential impacts to any underground heritage resources is rated as low and the author recommends chance finds procedures.

Fourie, H. April 2021. Proposed Mixed Developments on Portion 364 of the Farms Middelburg Town and Townlands 287-JS, Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. Desktop Study.

The study area is underlain by tillite and shale of the Dwyka Group, Karoo Supergroup, and shales, sandstones, conglomerate and volcanic rocks of the Loskop Formation, Transvaal Supergroup. The Dwyka Group is of moderate significance and the Loskop Formation is of low significance. No fossiliferous rock outcrops were identified during the field survey, the author determines that there is a low likelihood of any fossils being uncovered by during construction, and that there will be low impact on palaeontological heritage.

If any palaeontological material is exposed during digging, excavating, drilling or blasting, SAHRA must be notified. All development activities must be stopped, a 30 m no-go barrier constructed, and a palaeontologist should be called in to determine proper mitigation measures.

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South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot comment on this application until the environmental documents are submitted to the case or the rezoning and mixed use development application.

Additionally, the case has not been mapped correctly on the SAHRIS palaeo map sensitivity map. The .kml file submitted to the case must be uploaded to the relevant section of the case under the palaeo-sensitivity section. The .kml file must be a simple google earth .kml file.

SAHRA will comment once the environmental documents are submitted 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

**Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) Portions 26 & 27 Of the Farm Middelburg
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