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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: Tekplan Environmental

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Patryshoek Vodacom Mast, North West Province

Tekplan Environmental has been appointed by Vodacom (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for proposed telecommunications mast on portion 75 of the farm Hartebeestfontein 445 JQ, near Hartebeestpoort, North West Province.

A draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, no 107 of 1998 (NEMA), NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The proposed development will include the construction of a 20 m lattice mast and container housing equipment in an area that will measure 8 m x 10 m.

Prof Marion Bamford and Heritage Contracts and Archaeological Consulting have been appointed to provide the heritage specialist input for the BAR as per section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) that complies with section 38(3) of the NHRA.

Bamford, M. 2020. Palaeontological Impact Assessment for the proposed construction of Patryshoek Farm mast for Vodacom, Madibeng Local Municipality, North West Province Desktop Study (Phase 1).

The proposed development area is underlain by shales and sandstones of the Magaliesberg Formation which are unlikely to preserve fossils. As the mast will be constructed on soils, the development will not impact on any fossil resources. A Chance Fossil Finds Procedure is recommended and provided in the report.

Van der Walt, J. 2020. Heritage Impact Assessment for the proposed Patryshoek Vodacom Mast, North West Province.

No heritage resources were identified within the proposed development area. A Chance Finds Procedure is

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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 has no objections to the proposed development;
- 38(4)b – The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. No further additional specific conditions are provided for the development;
- 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 SAHRIS Case application.

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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Yours faithfully

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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/537690>

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.