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## **Interim Comment**

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

Attention: AGES (PTY) Ltd - Limpopo

PO Box 2526  
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**Proposed new croplands on 450ha and S24G rectification of 59ha of existing croplands on portion 3 of the farm Coniston 669 MS, in the waterpoort area, Vhembe District, Limpopo Province. The proposed croplands are to be used as tomato croplands.**

Koespan Broedery (Pty) Ltd are proposing to clear 450 hectares of natural vegetation located on Portion 3 of the Farm Coniston 699 MS in the Waterpoort Area, Makhado Local Municipality of Limpopo Province. They have already commenced in the clearing of 59 ha of natural vegetation in which they will be applying for section 24G rectification.

A Final Scoping Report and a Section 24 G Rectification Report by AGES Geo and Environmental Services (Pty) Ltd 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 Shasa Heritage Consultants cc and a Palaeontological Desktop Study (PDS) by Dr B Rubidge have been submitted to SAHRA for commenting.

*Stegmann, L., and Roodt, F.E. August 2020. Development of New Croplands and S24G Rectification of Existing Croplands Portion 3 of The Farm Coniston 699 MS in the Waterpoort Area, Makhado Local Municipality, Vhembe District Limpopo Province.*

# Heritage Scoping report for proposed new croplands and S24G rectification on portion 3 of the farm Coniston 669 MS

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The author undertook a field assessment of the proposed tomato croplands and identified 18 heritage features that were found along drainage line and two sites within the proposed cropping area. The two heritage sites in the cropping area are an old historical homestead and cemetery belonging to the Tshivaulu family (Sites 8 and 9). These areas have been demarcated out of the proposed clearing and cropping area and will be conserved *in situ*. The sites in the drainage area are within the wetland buffer zone and will not be impacted. The author recommends monitoring during ground clearance.

*Rubidge, B. August 2020. Establishment of tomato croplands on farm Coniston, Waterpoort area, Vhembe District, Limpopo Province.*

The entire study area is underlain by Carboniferous-Jurassic rocks of the Tshidzi, Madzaringwe, Mikambeni, Fripp, Solitude, Klopperfontein, Bosbokpoort and Clarens formations of the Karoo Supergroup. These formations have a high to very high palaeontological significance; however, fossils have not been identified in this area. They are overlain by thick alluvial sands with no exposed rock outcrops. The proposed tomato croplands will not impact on any significant bedrock. Therefore, the author recommends that the development goes ahead on the condition that if any rock outcrops are exposed then a palaeontologist must be called on site to inspect the outcrops.

## Interim Comment

South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit will provide comments on this application once the draft EIA report and its appendices are submitted to the case for comments.

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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