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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: Enviroafrica CC

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PROPOSED FORMALISATION OF BLAAUWSKOP SETTLEMENT LOW COST HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON PORTION 30 OF FARM BLAAUWSKOP NO. 36, BLAAUWSKOP SETTLEMENT, KENHARDT ROAD, KAI !GARIB LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, ZF MGCAWU DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Enviroafrica CC has been appointed by Kai !Garib Local Municipality to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed low cost housing development on portion 30 of Farm Blaauwskop No 36, Blaauwskop Settlement, Kenhardt Road, Kai !Garib Local Municipality, ZF Mgcawu District Municipality, Northern Cape Province.

A draft Scoping Report has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, no 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed development will include approximately 500 erven with associated services, and various residential and public spaces, over 50 ha.

Banzai Environmental (Pty) Ltd and Ubique Heritage Consultants have been appointed to provide heritage specialist input as part of the EIA process as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Butler, E. 2020. Recommended Exemption from further palaeontological studies for proposed formalization of Blaauwskop Low Cost Housing Development, Kenhardt RD, Kai !Garib Local Municipality, ZF Mgcawu District Municipality, Northern Cape Province.

The proposed development area is underlain by the Precambrian Namaqua-Natal Metamorphic Province and superficial Late Cenozoic deposits both of low palaeontological sensitivity. No further recommendations are provided.

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Fivaz, H and Engelbrecht, J. 2020. Phase 1 HIA Report, Blaauwskop Settlement Low Cost Housing development, Northern Cape.

A total of eight isolated surface scatters of Middle Stone Age/Later Stone Age lithics of low significance were identified. A Chance Finds Procedure is recommended and is provided in the report.

In an Interim Comment issued on the 28/08/2020, SAHRA requested that the draft EIA documents be submitted to the application before further comments could be issued. The draft EIA documents were uploaded on the 19/03/2021. The results and recommendations of the heritage reports have been included in the dEIA.

Final Comment

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 EIA 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

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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;

- As the SAHRA case was only created on the 18/07/2020, in terms of Section 3 of the NEMA EIA regulations, SAHRA commenting period ends on the 18/08/2020. The Final BAR should not be submitted for decision making process to the competent authority without integrating SAHRA comment as per section 38(8) of the NHRA;
- The Final EIA 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.

Yours faithfully

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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.