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

Attention: Msobo Crushers

This report is the result of a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) conducted by Alexander Antonites for construction stone mining permit and mining rights application on portion 15 of the farm Rietspruit 437 IS, Ermelo, Mpumalanga Province.

Mbusho Crushers (Pty) Ltd have appointed Dr Antonites to undertake a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) for the proposed stone mine quarry 85ha in extent, located on Portion 15 of the Farm Rietspruit 437 IT on the outskirts of Ermelo, in the Muskaligwa Local Municipality of Mpumalanga Province. It will be an open cast mine that will be 5 ha in extent. They also propose to construct a stone crushing plant.

To meet the requirements of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) a HIA report has been submitted to SAHRA for commenting.

The area proposed for the mine is located in a grey palaeontological sensitivity zone, as per the SAHRIS palaeomap policy on palaeontological resources, the development is exempt from undertaking a Palaeontological Impact Assessment.

Antonities, A. September 2020. Heritage Impact Assessment Report: Proposed Stone Mining and Crushers on Portion 15 of Rietspruit 437 IS, Ermelo, Mpumalanga Province.

The author undertook a field study of the proposed mining area and did not identify any sites that will be impacted by the proposed development. A cemetery (UP-RTS-2629-01) that is located 25m away from the proposed mine area on the adjacent property. The author proposes a 50m buffer area around the cemetery to prevent any damage.

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South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot provide a comment on this case because not all the environmental authorisation assessment documents created for this proposed new mine. Please upload the relevant environmental documentation to this case prior to the submission of the BAR to the competent authority.

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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