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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: joe morolong local municipality

D320 Cardington Road, Churchill Village, Mothibistad

the proposed clearance of 127.5 ha of indigenous vegetation, partially located within an Ecological Support Area for the proposed township establishment to be located on a Portion of the remaining extent of the Farm Churchill 211-HM and a Portion of the Remaining Extent of Portion 2 of the Farm Nyra 213-HM, Joe Morolong Local Municipality, Northern Cape Province.

AB Enviro-Consult CC has been appointed by the Joe Morolong Local Municipality to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed township establishment on portion of the remaining extent of the farm Churchill 211-HM and a portion of the remaining extent of portion 2 of the Farm Nyra 213-HM, near Lotlhakane, 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 one extension approximately 1216 residential erven with associated erven for business, churches, a crèche, a community facility and parks over 60.7444 ha and a second extension with 1229 residential erven and associated erven for business, churches, a crèche, primary school, sports field, a community facility and parks over 92.3198 ha, with the entire development covering 127.5 ha.

APelser Archaeological Consulting has 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).

Pelser, A. 2020. Report on a Phase 1 HIA for the Proposed Churchill Township Development On A Portion Of The Remaining Extent Of Churchill 211HM and a Portion of the Remaining Extent of Portion 2 of the Farm Nyra 213HM, in the Joe Morolong Local Municipality near Kuruman in the Northern Cape Province.

One surface scatter of Stone Age lithics of no heritage significance was identified within the proposed development area.

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Recommendations provided in the report include the following:

- Once the final layout of the proposed township development has been determined and the installation of services (sewerage, water, roads) commences an archaeologist should be contracted to undertake a watching brief so that if any sites or material are exposed by the development activities that the finds can be investigated and recommendations on the way forward be provided;
- Finally, it should be noted that although all efforts are made to locate, identify and record all possible cultural heritage sites and features (including archaeological remains) there is always a possibility that some might have been missed as a result of grass cover and other factors. The subterranean nature of these resources (including low stone-packed or unmarked graves) should also be taken into consideration. Should any previously unknown or invisible sites, features or material be uncovered during any development actions then an expert should be contacted to investigate and provide recommendations on the way forward.

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The SAHRA Archaeological, Palaeontological and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that a desktop Palaeontological Assessment be conducted as part of the EIA phase as the proposed development is located in an area of moderate and high palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity Map.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested report and the draft EIA with associated appendices.

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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