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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: Dikgatlong Local Municipality

33 Campbell Street, Barkly-West

proposed clearance of 196 ha of indigenous vegetation, partially located within a critical biodiversity area, the construction of a bridge and the installation of bulk services (400mm bulk sewer line) within a watercourse, for the proposed township establishment including a cemetery located on a Portion of the remaining extend of Erf 687, Barkly West, Dikgatlong Local Municipality, Northern Cape Province. The proposed development will also include the establishment of a cemetery

AB Enviro-Consult CC has been appointed by the Dikgatlong Local Municipality to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed construction of a bridge and bulk services within a watercourse and the proposed township establishment including a cemetery on a Portion of the remaining extend of Erf 687, Barkly West, Dikgatlong Local 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 3500 residential stands, and other stands for community services and businesses covering 196 ha, pipelines and bridge.

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. Phase 1 HIA Report for Proposed Township Establishment on a Portion of the Remaining Extent of Erf 687, Barkly Wes Dikgatlong Local Municipality, Northern Cape Province.

Two heritage resources were identified of medium to high within the proposed development area that include lithics from the Early, Middle and Later Stone Age periods which is similar to Canteen Kopje (Provincial Heritage Site that has been nominated as a site of National significance).

Recommendations provided in the report include the following:

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- A detailed Phase 2 Assessment of the area to map the occurrence of the Stone Age sites and material;
- Comprehensive and detailed sampling of surface material after obtaining a permit from SAHRA;
- Conducting of Test excavations in selected areas to determine the presence of and the nature of the archaeological deposits. For this a SAHRA permit will also have to be obtained;
- The implementation of an Archaeological Watching Brief for when the development activities commence. This will ensure that if in situ deposits are exposed that the material can be recovered and studied and preserved;
- It is recommended that the first 3 actions be undertaken before development actions commence and that once these have been completed that the proposed development be undertaken with the Watching Brief then implemented as a matter of course.

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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.

Additionally, SAHRA requests that consultation with interested and affected parties such as McGregor Museum be conducted regarding the recommended mitigation measures provided in the HIA. Proof of this consultation must be provided during the EIA phase.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested reports 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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