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Final Comment

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

Attention: Neels Kruger

ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (AIA) ON REMAINDER OF PORTION 37 AND PORTION 3 OF THE FARM SCHOONUITZICHT 10LT FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOONUITZICHT FARM BA PROJECT, MAKHADO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

Muirhead and Roux cc is proposing to clear 13 ha of natural vegetation to make way for additional Banana orchards on Portions 3 and remainder of Portion 37 of the farm Schoonuitzicht in the Levubu area, Makhado Local Municipality of Limpopo Province.

AGES Limpopo (Pty) Ltd has been appointed to undertake a Consultation Basic Assessment application process in support for an Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act no 107 of 1998 (NEMA) as amended, for activities that trigger the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) 2017 Regulations, as amended.

A Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) report by Exigo (Pty) Ltd have been submitted to SAHRA for commenting in terms of section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, no. 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Kruger, N. January 2021. Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) on Remainder of Portion 37 and Portion 3 of the Farm Schoonuitzicht 10 LT for the Proposed Schoonuitzicht Farm Ba Project, Makhado Local Municipality, Limpopo Province.

The author undertook a field assessment of the proposed vegetation clearance area and identified a burial (Exigo-SCH-BP01) of high heritage significance. The author recommends the burial is retained *in situ*, and fenced with an access gate. A 20 m bufferzone around the fence must be adhered to at all times for the long term conservation of the sites. Due to the dense vegetation cover, the author further recommends monitoring by an archaeology during ground clearance activities.

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The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM)

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and Burial Grounds and Graves Units accepts the HIA report submitted to the case for commenting, and has no objection to the development going ahead on the following conditions:

The SAHRA requires the monitoring report to be submitted to SAHRA once vegetation clearance is completed.

A buffer-zone of at-least 30m must be maintained around the identified burial ground.

In the event that fossils are uncovered during construction then construction must cease within the immediate vicinity, a buffer of 30 m must be established, and a palaeontologist called in to inspect the finds. The palaeontologist must obtain a section 35(4) permit in terms of NHRA and Chapter IV NHRA Regulations, before any fossils are collected.

If there are any new heritages resources are discovered during construction and operation phases of the proposed development, then a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the findings at the expense of the developer.

If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required at the expense of the developer. Mitigation will only be carried out after the archaeologist or palaeontologist obtains a permit in terms of section 35 of the NHRA (Act 25 of 1999). You may contact SAHRA APM Unit for further details: (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Phillip Hine 021 202 8654).

If any unmarked human burials are uncovered and the archaeologist called in to inspect the finds and/or the police find them to be heritage graves, then mitigation may be necessary and the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit must be contacted for processes to follow (Thingahangwi Tshivase/Mimi Seetelo 072 802 1251).

The Final BAR and its appendices must be submitted to the case and once a Record of Decision from the competent authority is issued, it must also be submitted to the case.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

**AIA FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOONUITZICHT FARM BA PROJECT, MAKHADO
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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/553744>

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.