

Mosplaas Farm - Rectification of the clearing of land and the construction of orchards/vineyards and associated infrastructure on Erf 2255, 2149, 1740, 2125 Kakamas South Settlement, Northern Cape Province

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

Attention: Mosplaas Sitrus (Pty) Ltd

The property (Mosplaas Farm) on which the construction of the agricultural development (orchards/vineyards) and associated infrastructure took place, is situated on the Kakamas South Settlement (KSS) No. 2255, 2149, 1710 and 2152. The farm is situated approximately 10 km south-east of Kakamas along the R359, in the Northern Cape. The agricultural development triggered a section 24G process due to the unlawful clearing within 32m of a stream without prior authorisation. During the period from 1997 to 2016 various developments have taken place on the farm, of which most are the agricultural developments of vineyards and orchards.

Groenberg Enviro (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Mosplaas Sitrus (Pty) Ltd to conduct a Section 24G rectification application for the unauthorised construction of an agricultural development and associated infrastructure on Kakamas South Settlement (KSS) No. 2255, 2149, 1710 and 2152, near Kakamas, Northern Cape Province (S24G05/01/2020)

A draft Section 24G Assessment report has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2017 EIA Regulations. The unauthorised activities that commenced include the construction of agricultural areas and the construction of a dam that took place between 1997 and 2016.

ACRM was appointed to provide heritage specialist input as part of the EA process in terms of section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Kaplan, J. 2020. Archaeological Impact Assessment. S24G Application, illegal agricultural development on Mosplaas (Erf 2255, 2149, 1740 & 2125 Kakamas South Settlement), Kai! Garib Municipality Northern Cape.

No heritage resources were identified within the development footprint. It is likely that the activities did not impact archaeological resources. No further mitigation was recommended.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment be conducted as the development footprint is located within an area of moderate sensitivity. The assessment must be conducted by a qualified palaeontologist and the report must comply with 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessment Reports.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above.

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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