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In terms of Section 38(4), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Valam Boerdery (Pty) Ltd

Norriseep Farm - RECTIFICATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF VINEYARDS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON REMAINDER OF FARM AFSTOF NO. 421, ONSEEPKANS, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Groenberg Enviro (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Valam Boerdery (Pty) Ltd to conduct a Section 24G rectification application for the unauthorised clearing of land and the construction of vineyards and associated infrastructure on remainder of the farm Afstof No.421, Onseepkans, Northern Cape Province (DENC REF: S24G02/01/2020).

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 clearance of approximately 31 ha of vegetation, construction of a pack house (1 ha), and the expansion of dams.

Natura Viva CC and ACRM were appointed to provide heritage specialist input as part of the EA Rectification 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).

Almond, J. E. 2020. Palaeontological Assessment: Recommended Exemption from Further Palaeontological Studies. Rectification of agricultural developments on farm Norriseep (Remainder of Farm Afstof No 421), near Onseepkans, KAI! Ma Municipality, Northern Cape.

The development area is underlain by ancient Precambrian metamorphic rocks that do not contain fossils. These rocks are overlain by sparsely fossiliferous or unfossiliferous superficial sediments of the Quaternary to recent periods. A Chance Fossil Finds Procedure is recommended to be followed and is provided in the report.

Kaplan, J. 2020. Archaeological Impact Assessment. S24G Application, illegal vineyard development on Norriseep, Rem of the Farm Afstof No. 421, near Onseepkans, Kai! Ma Municipality, Northern Cape.



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No heritage resources were identified within rectification footprint. No mitigation of heritage resources is required.

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The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 3(4) of the NEMA Regulations and section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be included in the Final S24G and EMPr:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections to the proposed rectification application;
- 38(4)b – The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. No further additional specific conditions are provided for the development;
- 38(4)c(i) – If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)d – See section 51(1) of the NHRA;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:
 - i) If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA;
 - The Final S24G report and EMPr must be submitted to SAHRA for record purposes;
 - The decision regarding the EA Rectification Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application.

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

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Yours faithfully

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Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/567377>
(DENC, Ref: S24G02/01/2020)

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.