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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Govan Mbeki Local Municipality

The proposed township establishment of Emzinoni extension 13 & 14 on the remainder of portion 6 of the farm Blesbokspruit 150-IS in Mpumalanga province.

The Govan Mbeki Municipality has appointed Mang Geo-Enviro Services (Pty) Ltd to undertake a Scoping and Environmental Impact 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) 2014 Regulations, as amended.

The municipality is proposing to establish a new township to be constructed in two phases with 2970 stands covering an area of 245 ha in phase 1 and phase 2 consisting of 2761 stands on 337 ha, in the Emzinoni Village. The total new township layout will consist of 637 low density residential units, 1554 low-medium density residential units, 3489 medium density residential units, 3 high density units, 3 mixed-use units, 29 public open space, 15 institutional units, the streets and other bulk services. The new residential area will be located on a portion of the remainder of Portion 6 of the farm Blesbokspruit 150 IS in the Govan Mbeki Local Municipality of Mpumalanga Province.

A Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) report by Vhufa Hashu Heritage Consultants (Pty) Ltd has been submitted to SAHRA for commenting in terms of section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, no. 25 of 1999 (NHRA). A Palaeontological Letter of exemption by an independent specialist is included in the HIA on page 41 of the report.

Muroyi, R.R. November 2020. Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment Report for the proposed township establishment of 3000 sites on portion of the remainder of portion 6 of the farm Blesbokspruit 150 IS within Govan Mbeki Local Municipality, Gert Sibande District of Mpumalanga Province.

The author undertook a field assessment of the proposed new township area and identified 17 graves demarcated by stone cairns within the proposed project area. The author recommends that the project goes ahead on the the following conditions:

All identified graves are fenced for long term conservation or that they are exhumed and reburied in a



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municipal cemetery.
that if any heritage resources/artefacts are uncovered, work must stop, and the relevant heritage authority is informed.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) notes the submission of the HIA and Scoping Report, however the proposed township development is partially located in a Very High palaeontological sensitive zone. According to the SAHRIS palaeomap policy, a field based impact assessment of palaeontological resources is required. The field based Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be undertaken by a suitably qualified palaeontologist.

SAHRA will comment on the application once the PIA is submitted to the case and if a finalised township plan is available it must 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

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