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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: Mr David Le Roux Muller

Digital Soils Africa (Pty) LTD (DSA) was tasked by Uitdraai Boerdery (Pty) Ltd to conduct environmental investigations and complete the Environmental Authorisation Application for the authorisation of clearing 185Ha of vegetation on Portion 18 (Ptn of Ptn 15) of the Farm Uitdraai No. 33, Prieska in the Northern Cape. DSA was appointed by Uitdraai Boerdery (Pty) Ltd as the independent environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) to undertake the Environmental Authorisation Application for the commencement of a listed activity in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014, as amended in 2017. Uitdraai Boerdery (Pty) Ltd would like to clear vegetation to establish a vineyard. Currently the site host intact vegetation with some evidence of overgrazing. Soil samples were taken and analysed to investigate if the soil is suitable for establishing a vineyard on a 174Ha area. The soil study indicated that about 145Ha were suitable for the cultivation of vineyards according to the norms and standards provided by the Northern Cape Department of Agriculture. However upon further investigation, it was found that only 111.22Ha is suitable. A HIA was completed to comply with the Heritage act, since more than 1Ha will be disturbed.

Digital Soils Africa has been appointed by Uitdraai Boerdery (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed clearing of vegetation to establish vineyard on Portion 18 (Ptn of Ptn 15) of the Farm Uitdraai No. 33, near Prieska in the Northern Cape Province (DENC Ref: NC/EIA/03/PIX/SIY/PRI1/2021).

A Final Scoping Report has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2017 NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed development will include the clearing of 163.82 ha of vegetation.

Dr Lloyd Rossouw was appointed to provide heritage specialist input as part of the EA process as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA, and in terms of section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) as required by section 38(8) of the NHRA.

Rossouw, L. 2021. Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment for establishment of a vineyard on Portion 18 (Portion of Portion 15) of the Farm Uitdraai No. 33, Prieska, NC Province

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No heritage resources were identified within the proposed development area. A Chance Finds Protocol is recommended and included in the report.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) notes the submitted heritage report. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the draft EIA inclusive of 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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