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## Final Comment

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

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### **The proposed agricultural practices and establishment Cash crop farming on the Remainder of the Farm Nieuw Engeland No. 60 LT, located within the Collins Chabane Local Municipality, Vhembe District Municipality, Limpopo Province**

Shaphat Property (Pty) Ltd is proposing to clear 2.99 ha of natural vegetation to establish cash crop farming in Vhangani Village, on the farm Nieuw Engeland 60 Lt, in the Collins Chabane Local Municipality of Limpopo Province.

Plantago Lanceolata (Pty) Ltd have been appointed to undertake an environmental assessment as part of the Basic Assessment process in support of an Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environment Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) for activities that trigger the NEMA EIA 2014 Regulations.

A Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) by Millenium Heritage Group (Pty) Ltd was submitted to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) for commenting in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

*Mathoho, N. E. September 2021. Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment Relating To The Shaphat Property Cash Crop Farming On Farm Nieuw Engeland 60 LT, Ha-Vhagane Village, Collins Chabane Local Municipality Of The Vhembe District, Limpopo Province, South Africa.*

The author undertook a field assessment of the proposed development and did not identify any heritage resources on site. The site is located on land previously used for agriculture but left fallow. The author



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provides no further mitigation measures.

The SAHRA issued an Interim Comment dated 26/10/2021, requesting the submission of a .kml file to the palaeosensitivity section of the case, a PIA depending on the palaeo sensitivity of the location of the proposed development. The Palaeontological Desktop Assessment has been submitted to the case on 03/12/2021.

*Bamford, M. May 2021. Palaeontological Impact Assessment for the proposed Shaphat Cash crop Farming project on Farm Nieuw Engeland 60 LT, Vhembe District, Limpopo Province.*

The underlying geology consists of intrusive gabbro, syenite and carbonatites of the Schiel Complex. These rocks are volcanic and ancient and therefore would not preserve any fossils, the area is capped by soils that have negligible palaeontological significance because they eroding from igneous rocks. however, a Fossil Chance Finds Procedure is included in the report under section 10.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) accepts the HIA report and Palaeontological Desktop report and the recommendation contained in the report. SAHRA has no objections to the proposed project on the following conditions:

In the unlikely 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



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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 Tshivhase/Ngqalabutho Madida 012 320 8490).

This comment is for noting and SAHRA requests that the Record of Decision from the competent authority is 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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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.