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

Attention: CSHELL 264 (Pty) Ltd

In order to address an articulated need for a new cemetery within the jurisdiction of the City of Matlosana Municipality, CSHELL 264 (Pty) Ltd intends to obtain environmental authorisation for indigenous vegetation clearance and the establishment of a cemetery on a portion of forty four hectares of Portion 1 of the farm Townlands of Klerksdorp 424 IP, City of Matlosana Municipality, North West Province

Setala Environmental (Pty) Ltd have been appointed by CSHELL 264 (PTY) LTD to undertake an Environmental Authorisation Application for proposed establishment of a cemetery on a portion of 44 ha of portion 1 Townlands of Klerksdorp 424 IP, City of Matlosana Municipality, North West Province (NWP: EIA/16/2021).

A Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the EIA Regulations. It must be noted that SAHRA was not provided with the Scoping report during the public commenting phase. The proposed development will include the clearance of 44 ha of indigenous vegetation in a phased manner, office block, ablution facilities and fencing.

APelser Archaeological Consulting was appointed to provide heritage specialist input as part of the EA application process as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) that complies with section 38(3) of the NHRA.

Pelser, A. 2021. Phase 1 HIA Report for the proposed establishment of a cemetery (Dawkinsville) on the Remainder of Portion 1 of the Farm Townlands of Klerksdorp 424IP, City of Matlosana Local Municipality, Klerksdorp, Northwest Province.

No heritage resources were identified within the proposed development area. Recommendations provided in the report include the need for a Chance Finds Procedure.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) is conducted as part of the EA process, as the development footprint it located in an area of moderate sensitivity for palaeontological resources as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. The desktop PIA must be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist. (See

https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html for a list of qualified palaeontologists). The report must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments. The Minimum Standards refers to a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption for Further Studies that may be submitted by a palaeontologist should they deem it appropriate. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested report.

The applicant is advised to extend the EA process in terms of section 23(1)b of the NEMA EIA regulations in order to comply with this comment.

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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