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## **Interim Comment**

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

Attention: Rosaly Farms Cc.

Plot 23 Delarey Tarlton 1749

THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF IRRIGATED CROP FIELDS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF DAMS FOR AGRICULTURAL CROP PRODUCTION, ROSALY FARMS Cc., VAALWATER, SITUATED ON PORTIONS OF THE FARMS ELSERAFIE 214 KQ & STERKSTROOM 250 KQ, VAALWATER AREA, LEPHALALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

The SAHRA thanks you for notifying it of the proposed aforementioned project.

It is understood that Spoor Environmental (Pty) Ltd have been appointed 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 proposed new irrigation system and dam in the Lephalale Local Municipality, Limpopo province.

A desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment report has been submitted to SAHRA for commenting in terms of section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, no. 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Bamford, M. February 2022. Palaeontological Impact Assessment for the proposed land clearing on Farm Sterkstroom 250, Vaalwater, Limpopo Province.

The study area is underlain by sandstones of the Cleremont Formation, Kransberg Group, Waterberg Group, Transvaal Supergroup. There have been no reports of trace fossils like stromatolites or microbialites in the Kransberg group. Although the palaeo-sensitivity map is green for the area, the palaeo technical reports list the group as being of low significance. The author included a fossil finds procedure in the report under section

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8 for use if any fossils are uncovered during ground clearance activities.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology, and Meteorites (APM) notes the submission of the PIA report, however, a heritage impact assessment has not been undertaken for this proposed development and details of the project have not been provided.

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In order for SAHRA to make an informed decision on this proposed project a Heritage Impact Assessment undertaken by an archaeologist and must adhere to the 2007 SAHRA Minimum Standards for the archaeological component of a Heritage Impact Assessment.

The SAHRA will issue further comments once the HIA report and the environmental reports are 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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### **ADMIN:**

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### 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.