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## **Interim Comment**

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

Attention: Boniswa Towerco (Pty) Ltd

**Project Description: Boniswa Towerco (Pty) Ltd intends to construct a 30m Lattice type mast with antennae mounted onto the mast, and container housing associated equipment. The size of the base station (fenced area) in which the mast and associated equipment will be placed will measure 8m x 8m (64m<sup>2</sup>). Location: The site is located in Murunwa Village adjacent to Road D449 (Witvlag Road) on the Remainder of the Farm Dwarsspruit 247 MT, within the Makhado Local Municipality area (Co-ordinates: S 22°58'42.24" E 30°09'47.60").**

Boniswa Towerco (Pty) Ltd have appointed Tekplan (Pty) Ltd to undertake a Basic Assessment application process for the construction of the Murunwa Telecommunication Base Station in the Limpopo Province. The subsequent report will be 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.

A Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) report by G&A Heritage (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).

Gaigher, S. March 2022. PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE BONISWA SITE 2021, MURUNWA VODACOM TELEMAST, LIMPOPO PROVINCE..

The author undertook a field assessment of the proposed development area and did not identify any heritage resources on site due to the disturbed nature of the site. The author notes that the study area is located in a region with moderate palaeontological sensitivity on the Palaeomap, and according to the Palaeomap policy this area requires a desktop assessment. However, the proposed development has a small 64m<sup>2</sup> footprint and the foundations will not impact bedrock and the author requests an exemption from undertaking a palaeontological impact assessment and has attached chance finds procedures that must be used in the unlikely even that fossils are uncovered.

The author recommends the implementation of the provided chance finds procedures in section 10 of the HIA report.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology, and Meteorites (APM) notes the submission of the HIA however the development area is located in a zone with moderate palaeo-sensitivity and according to the palaeomap policy a suitably qualified palaeontologist must be appointed to undertake a desktop palaeontological assessment or a letter of exemption drafted by a suitably qualified palaeontologist must be submitted to the case for commenting.

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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