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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 Musiwa Glen
Sylvanaqua Farms (Pty) Ltd

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF COMMERCIAL CHICKEN BROILERS ON PORTION OF PORTION 20 OF THE FARM SCHOONOORD 164 IS.

Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Sylvanaqua Farm (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed Chicken Broiler farm on portion 20 of the farm Schoonoord 164 IS, near Reitkuil, Mpumalanga Province (Ref: 1/3/1/16/1N-319).

A draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) 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 construction of chicken broiler houses, employee housing, ablution block, powerlines, fencing and storage facilities within a development area covering 6 ha.

Integrated Specialist Services (Pty) Ltd have been appointed to provide heritage specialist input 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).

Mlilo, T. 2022. Phase 1 Archaeological and Heritage Impact Assessment Report for the Proposed Chicken Broiler (Farm) Development on Portion 20 of the Farm Schoonoord 164 IS, Situated in the Magisterial District of Middelburg, Steve Tshwete Local Municipality in Mpumalanga Province.

A total of three heritage resources were identified within the proposed development area. These include one painted rock art site, one engraved rock art site with grinding area, one historical farm werf inclusive of a stone walled cattle kraal, historical water reservoir and historical structures.

Recommendations provided in the report include the following:

- The identified historical structures, although outside of the proposed development site, must be treated as No go Areas;
- Similarly the recorded rock engraving site must be treated as a NO GO AREA;
- A Chance Finds Procedure must be implemented as part of the EMPr.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that a field-based palaeontological assessment be conducted as the proposed development footprint is located in an area of very high sensitivity for palaeontological resources. The PIA must be conducted as part of the EA process. (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 applicant is advised to extend the EA process in terms of section 19(1)b of the NEMA EIA regulations in order to comply with this comment. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested report and a revised BAR to include the results of the PIA.

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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