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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: Schamboua Trust

PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ON THE REMAINDER OF THE FARM STYR-KRAAL NO. 81, KHAI-MA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NAMAKWA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE.

EnviroAfrica has been appointed by Schamboua Trust to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed Styr-Kraal Agricultural Development on the remaining extent of portion 0 of the farm Styr-Kraal, Farm No. 81, Pofadder, Khâi-Ma Local Municipality, Namakwa District Municipality, Northern Cape Province.

A draft Scoping Report (DSR) 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 new seasonal workers housing, new dam, new waste water management for permanent housing and the cultivation of 78 ha of dates. The total development area will cover 83.38 ha.

Banzai Environmental and Ubique Heritage Consultants 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).

Butler, E. 2020. Palaeontological Desktop Assessment for the Proposed Styr-Kraak Agricultural Development on 81 Styr-Kraal, Namakwa District Municipality, within the Khai-Ma Local Municipality, Northern Cape Province.

The proposed development footprint is underlain by the Daberas Granodiorite and Schuitdrift Gneiss of the Namaqua Natal Metamorphic Province that do not contain fossils, which is overlain by Quaternary to Recent sediments of the Gordonia Formation that do not preserve fossils very well but may contain more recent fossils. A Chance Finds Protocol is recommended to be implemented and is provided in the report.

Fivaz, H and Engelbrecht, J. 2020. Phase 1 HIA Report Agricultural Development Styr-Kraal Northern Cape.

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A total of two heritage resources were identified within the proposed development area. These include two graves of high heritage significance.

Recommendations provided in the report include the following:

- It is recommended that the graves be fenced off within the inclusion of 50 m buffer/safety zone;
- A Chance Finds Procedure is recommended.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes the submitted heritage reports. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the draft EIA report inclusive of appendices.

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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