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

Attention: Bertie Joubert Eiendomme Lephlale CC

15 Judith Street, Thabazimbi, 0387````

Proposed 2.4 hectare township establishment to be known as Thabazimbi Extension 75 on Portion 129 of the farm Doornhoek 318KQ, Thabazimbi Local Municipality, Waterberg District of Limpopo Province. The 2.4 hectare township will comprise 35 stands of which 33 is allocated for residential units and 2 stands for a security house and roads.

Thank you for informing SAHRA regarding the proposed residential township establishment application on behalf of Bertie Joubert Properties cc.

They have appointed Naledzi Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd to undertake a Basic Assessment (BAR) application process in support of an Environmental Authorisation application in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA), as amended for listed activities in the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

The draft BAR, desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA), and desktop Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) with an exemption letter have been submitted to SAHRA in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 25 of 1999 for commenting.

Fivaz, H. August 2022. PHASE 1 HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT DESKTOP STUDY, REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION AND DESKTOP PALAEONTOLOGICAL STUDY FOR THE PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THABAZIMBI EXTENSION 75 ON PORTION 129, FARM DOORNHOEK 318KQ, THABAZIMBI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WATERBERG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, LIMPOPO PROVINCE.

A desktop study was undertaken by Ubique Heritage and they assessed the proposed residential development to have very low impact on heritage as the development site is located within the urban edge on land used previously for agricultural purposes. Any heritage that may have existed would have been disturbed/destroyed by recent activities as such the authors recommend no further field assessments for all types of heritage and chance finds procedures to be included in the construction management plan.

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Butler, E. August 2022. Township Establishment on Naauwpoort 335-JS eMalahleni Metropolitan Municipality, Nkangala District Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. Farm: Remainder Portion 25, Portion 562, 563, 564, 565 Naauwpoort 335-JS.

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The study area is underlain by sandstone, quartzite and red rhyolite rocks of the Timeball Hill Formation, Pretoria Group, Transvaal Supergroup, which is of Very High significance. It is capped by superficial Tertiary and Quaternary sediments of Moderate sensitivity. The depth of the proposed activities will not impact the Timeball Hill Formation and there is a low chance of fossils being impacted in the superficial sedimentary deposits. The author recommends an exemption from undertaking a field assessment and further recommends Fossil Chance Finds Procedures to be used if any fossils are uncovered during construction.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology, and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes and accepts the submission of the draft BAR, desktop PIA, and desktop HIA reports. SAHRA has no objections to the proposed development on the following conditions:

38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections to the proposed development;

38(4)b – The recommendations provided by the heritage specialists are supported and must be adhered to. There are no additional specific conditions provided for the development.

38(4)c(i) – If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Phillip Hine 021 202 8654) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offence in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;

38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Ngqalabutho Madida 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offence in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;

38(4)d - See section 51(1) of the NHRA;

38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:

i) If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the

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heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA;

The Final BAR must be submitted to SAHRA for record purposes;

The decision regarding the EA Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

Nokukhanya Khumalo

Heritage Officer

South African Heritage Resources Agency

Phillip Hine

Manager: Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit

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- 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.