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## **Interim Comment**

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

Attention: Ronell Group

#### **Heritage Impact Assessment. A Desktop Study. Proposed Construction of the New Matamela Ramaphosa Secondary School at Spa Park Bela-Bela on Portion 266 of the Farm Warmbath 1491. Bela-Bela Local Municipality, Waterberg District, Limpopo Province.**

Vufha Hashu Heritage Consultancy cc was appointed by Ronell Group Pty (Ltd) on behalf of their client, Independent Development Trust (IDT, Limpopo Region) to undertake a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) for a Proposed Secondary School.

The proposed school will be 4.5ha in extent, consisting of 30 classrooms, large admin block, nutrition centre, multipurpose school hall, science and life centre combo, computer lab and media centre, 46 Waterborne Toilets for Learners with 2 being for disabled. 1 for Female and 1 for Male, 8 additional toilets close to the Admin for teachers. 1 to be for Disabled, multipurpose classroom, borehole area and water storage facilities, parking lots and sports grounds and guard house.

The desktop HIA report was submitted to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

*Roodt, R. September 2022. Heritage Impact Assessment. A Desktop Study. Proposed Construction of the New Matamela Ramaphosa Secondary School at Spa Park Bela-Bela on Portion 266 of the Farm Warmbath 1491. Bela-Bela Local Municipality, Waterberg District, Limpopo Province.*

The authors undertook a field assessment and did not identify heritage resources in the study area. Previous heritage surveys in the region identified some Later Iron Aged stone walled settlement sites however the immediate study area is within an informal and formalised township, the landscape has been altered by recent human activities.

The report also contains a geological map of the study area noting that it is underlain by rocks of the Schrikkloof formation, Rooiberg Group. The SAHRIS palaeomap provides a low significance for this area and the palaeomap policy states that a protocol for chance finds is required.

The author recommends chance finds procedures in the event that subsurface archaeological material is

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uncovered during construction.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology, and Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot provide an informed decision due to incomplete information submitted to the case.

The HIA must be amended by the appointed heritage specialist to include tracklogs of the field survey.

The draft environmental documents must be submitted to the relevant case on SAHRIS.

The SAHRA will provide further comments once these requested documents are 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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