



## Final Comment

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

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### PROPOSED BOARDING SCHOOL: REMAINDER OF PORTION 8 OF THE FARM RIEFONTEIN 365 IT, MACHADODORP, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

*Van Wyk Rowe, C. (June 2012). Phase 1 HIA for a Proposed Boarding School on Remainder of the Farm Rietfontein 365 JT, Machadorp.*

The above HIA, although dated June 2012 was received by SAHRA on 8 November 2012. The report is submitted in support of the proposed development of a boarding school covering approximately 40ha of the remainder of the Farm Rietfontein 365 JT. The study area is currently zoned Agriculture 1 and will thus require rezoning, and has been previously disturbed by agricultural activities. The land is currently vacant.

No stone age archaeological resources were identified. One poorly defined stone-walled enclosure was identified, and labelled as site MR 1 in the report. It is situated close to a naturally occurring rocky outcrop and may be an example of a Later Iron Age or Historical resource. This site was identified as having low significance in the report. No graves were identified in the study area.

The predominant geology of the study area consists of shales and mudstones of the Timeball Formation of the Pretoria Group of the Transvaal Supergroup. Rocks from the Transvaal Supergroup are not known to contain any fossils. The likelihood of the proposed development impacting on palaeontological resources is therefore low.

### Comment

Based on the information provided in the above report, the likelihood of the proposed work impacting on significant heritage resources is low. No further studies are therefore required.

Consequently, SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology & Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objection to the proposed development on the condition that if any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, marine shell and charcoal/ash concentrations), unmarked human burials, fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA APM Unit (Jenna Lavin/Colette Scheermeyer 021 462 4502) must be alerted immediately, and a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation might be





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necessary.

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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**ADMIN:**

Terms & Conditions:

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.



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