



Interim Comment

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

Attention: V&L Landscape Architects
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PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON PORTION 2 AND THE REMAINDER OF THE FARM VYGEBOOM 512 KT AT THE CRYSTAL SPRINGS RESORT NEAR PILGRIM'S REST, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

Celliers, JP. (August 2011). Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment for V&L Landscape Architects concerning proposed residential development on Portion 2 and the remainder of the farm Vygeboom 512 KT at the Crystal Springs Resort near Pilgrim's Rest, Mpumalanga Province.

The above HIA was submitted in support of the proposed development of additional accommodation units and associated recreational facilities on four proposed nodes over approximately 160ha of the existing Crystal Springs Resort.

Two significant heritage resources were identified in the submitted report. The site identified as CV 8 in the report is likely the ruined remains of a dwelling consisting of two stone walls made of slate stone with mud mortar as well as a scatter of iron remains. This site will be impacted by the proposed development. The site identified as CV 9 covers approximately 1ha where erosion gullies have exposed several scatters of Early Iron Age pottery, burnt daga as well as an upper grindstone. As such, this site has been accorded high archaeological significance by the heritage consultant. This site lies outside of the proposed development area and will not be impacted by the proposed development.

No assessment of impacts to palaeontological material has yet been submitted.

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It is noted that the mitigation proposed for Site CV 8 consists of adequately mapping and recording the site before destruction. It is SAHRA's position that this mapping and recording should have been completed at the Phase 1 AIA stage.

Site CV 9 must not be impacted by the proposed development and a 50m buffer zone of no development must be put in place around this site. Any disturbance to Site CV 9 will require a permit from SAHRA in terms of Section 35 of the NHRA (Act 25 of 1999).

Before SAHRA is able to issue a Final Comment for the proposed development, further information is required. To this end, please submit the following to SAHRA for assessment;

- A report detailing the mapping and recording of Site CV 8.





- A Desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment or alternatively, a letter of exemption from a palaeontologist indicating why a Desktop PIA is not required.

SAHRA will await the submission of the above information before issuing a Final Comment for this project.

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.

