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

Attention: Vaalplan Town and Regional Planners

Elandsfontein Extension Township Development Project.

Vaalplan Town and Regional Planners (Pty) Ltd have been appointed to undertake a Scoping & Environmental Impact Assessment application process in support for an Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act no 107 of 1998 (NEMA) as amended, for activities that trigger the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) 2014 Regulations, as amended.

A total of 340 full title residential 1 zoned stands are proposed as well as institutional land uses for schools, churches, clinics, social halls etc are also provided for, along with 2 business ervens toward the front of the residential area. The total extent of the proposed development is 34 ha located on Portion 106,107,108 and 109 of the farm Elandsfontein 334 IQ, in Midvaal Local Municipality of the Gauteng Province.

A Heritage Impact Assessment report by Beyond Heritage (Pty) Ltd has been submitted to SAHRA for commenting in terms of section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, no. 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Van der Walt, J. February 2023. Heritage Impact Assessment For The Proposed Township Development On Portions 106, 107, 108, 109 Elandsfontein Extension, Located Within The Midvaal Local Municipality, Gauteng Province.

The author undertook a field survey of the proposed development area and identified a few isolated Middle and Later Stone Aged stone tools (4 finds) that are of low significance, and some delapidated buildings (5 structures and foundation remains) that are not older than 60 years. These buildings are not generally protected by the NHRA. The overall heritage significance is low and the author recommends the following:

Regular monitoring of the development footprint by the ECO to implement the Chance Find Procedure for heritage and palaeontology resources (outlined in Section 10.2) in case heritage resources are uncovered during the course of construction;

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The Development Applications Unit (DAU) notes the submission of the Final Scoping Report and HIA report however, the case cannot be processed further without the submission of the Palalaeontological Impact Assessment report mentioned in the Final Scoping Report and HIA report.

The SAHRA will provide further comments once the draft EIAR and its appendices along with the PIA report is submitted to the case.

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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