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In terms of Section 38(4), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Excelsior Abattoir CC

Expansion of the Excelsior Abattoir to increase the cattle (red meat) slaughtering capacity from 50 to 200 cattle per day. The expansion will include internal changes to the abattoir as well as the expansion of the abattoir building to accommodate an additional cold storage room with three product loading bays. The main abattoir building will be extended to the north-west and the offices will be extended to the north-east.

EARTHnSKY Environmental (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Excelsior Abattoir CC to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed expansion of the Excelsior Abattoir in Kuruman, Northern Cape Province.

A Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA EIA Regulations (As amended). The proposed development will include the extension of the main abattoir building of 430m².

Dr Heidi Fourie and APelser Archaeological Consulting have been appointed to provide heritage specialist input as part of the EA process in terms of section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Fourie, H. 2022. Palaeontological Impact Assessment: Desktop Study. Excelsior Abattoir Extension – Kuruman

The proposed development is underlain by the Kogelbeen Formation and Gordonia Formation. Stromatolites may be present. A Chance Fossil Finds Procedure is recommended.

Pelser, A. 2022. Motivation for Exemption from a full Phase I Heritage Impact Assessment – Proposed Excelsior Abattoir Expansion on Erven 4051 & 4052 in Kuruman, Northern Cape Province

The specialist is motivating for exemption from conducting a full HIA for the proposed development as the area is previously disturbed and no in-situ heritage resources are expected. A Chance Finds Procedure is

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recommended to be followed.

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The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 3(4) of the NEMA Regulations and section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be included in the Final BAR and EMPr:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Development Applications Unit (DAU) has no objections to the proposed development;
- 38(4)b – The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. No further additional specific conditions are 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 DAU (Natasha Higgitt 021 202 8660/ nhiggitt@sahra.org.za) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with this section of the NHRA is an offense 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 DAU (Natasha Higgitt 021 202 8660/ nhiggitt@sahra.org.za) must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with this section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)d – See section 51 of the NHRA for offences;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:
 - 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 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 and EMPr 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.

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Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/617718>
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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.