



Final Comment

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

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PROPOSED TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHMENTS: ALABAMA EXTENSION 4 ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 1 OF THE FARM TOWNLANDS OF KLERKSDORP NO.424-IP AND ALABAMA EXTENSION 5 ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 1 OF THE TOWNLANDS OF KLERKSDORP NO.424-IP

Pelser, A. (November 2012). *Report on a Phase 1 HIA for the Alabama Extension 4 Township Development on the Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of Town and Townlands of Klerksdorp 424-IP near Klerksdorp (Matlosana), North West Province*

Rubidge, B. October 2013. *Palaeontological Scoping Report - Proposed Alabama Township Development*

The above reports were submitted for the proposed township extension development on the remaining extent of portion 1 of Town and Townlands of Klerksdorp 424 IP over 249ha. The proposed development area is bound by the Jagspruit River to the west, an Eskom power line to the north and the existing township development to the east. The area has been extensively disturbed in the past by agricultural activities, informal settlements and illegal dumping.

The application is for the proposed establishment of the Alabama Extension 4 Township area comprising 1000 residential erven of between 400 and 423 square meters and Alabama Extension 5 Township area comprising 2294 residential erven of between 400 and 419 square meters. The proposed development will cover approximately 249ha and includes the construction of residential erven and associated services and infrastructure.

The submitted HIA report identified a small number of Middle or Later Stone Age artefacts scattered in the floodplain of the Jagspruit River. These resources have low heritage significance. No other heritage resources were identified in the report. As the proposed township development will not fall within 100m of the Jagspruit River, the proposed development is unlikely to impact on the identified heritage resources.

According to the submitted palaeontological report, the area proposed for development is underlain by the igneous rocks of the Precambrian Ventersdorp Subgroup. It is noted that Quarternary surficial deposits could be present and these may contain fossils however it is unlikely that the proposed development will impact on significant palaeontological resources.





The submitted reports only assessed impacts to archaeological and palaeontological heritage resources. No information was included with regard to the impact of the development on cultural landscapes. No indication is provided in terms of the proposed layout of the township extension, nor in terms of what services are required or what infrastructure the proposed development will entail such as roads.

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SAHRA has no objection to the proposed development on heritage grounds as it is unlikely that significant heritage resources will be impacted by the proposed development. As the proposed township development will not fall within 100m of the Jagspruit River, the proposed development is unlikely to impact on the heritage resources identified in the submitted report.

Should 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 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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Alabama Town Extensions

Our Ref: 16/1/4/10 Alabama Ext 4

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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/118492>

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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