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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Orania Aandeleblok (RF) (Pty) Ltd.

Oranie Aandeleblok proposes to develop a residential development (36 ha) on portions 43 and 45 of Farm Vluytjeskraal 272 Orania Northern Cape Province. The Vididex Residential Development (“VRD”) will consist mainly of residential units and a small area consisting of light industrial units. The infrastructure will consist of roads, electricity, bulk sewage and water pipelines as well as stormwater trenches and a small Photovoltaic (“PV”) Solar plant. There is a small cemetery on portion 43 that will stay fenced and not be disturbed.

Shangoni Management Services (Pty) Ltd have been appointed by Orania Aandeleblok (RF) (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation Application for proposed housing development on portions 43 and 45 of Farm Vluytjeskraal 272 Orania Northern Cape Province.

A Draft Scoping Report (DSR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA EIA Regulations. The proposed activities will include residential units and light industrial units, with bulk services, PV plant, powerlines, stormwater infrastructure, and roads covering 39 ha.

Prof Bruce Rubidge and Dr H Opperman were appointed to provide heritage specialist input into 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).

Rubidge, B. 2022. Desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment - Residential and industrial Development Orania Aandeleblok (RF)(Pty) Ltd, Northern Cape Province

The proposed development is underlain by the Pemrian Tierberg Formation, Karoo dolerites and Quaternary calcrete and alluvial deposits. A Fossil Chance Finds Procedure is recommended to be implemented.

Opeerman, H. 2022. First phase archaeological and cultural heritage assessment of the proposed Vididex development of portions 43/44/45 of the farm 272. Orania. Northern Cape Province

A total of five heritage resources were identified that include engravings, graffiti, Stone Age lithics and a

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cemetery. A Conservation Plan is recommended for the cemetery.

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SAHRA notes the submitted heritage specialist reports. While the PIA is accepted, the submitted HIA is not accepted. The report does not comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA or the 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessments.

SAHRA requests that a field-based HIA is compiled by a qualified heritage specialist (see www.asapa.co.za or www.aphp.org.za for a list of qualified archaeologists). Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the DEIA inclusive of appendices and the above requested report.

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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