



Interim Comment

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

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Proposed residential township: Extension 5 of portion 13 of the farm Klipfontein

Van Wyk Rowe, C. (February 2012). Proposed residential township: Extension 5 of portion 13 of the farm Klipfontein, Mpumalanga

The above report was submitted as part of an application for the proposed extension of the existing Siyathuthuka Township by 11.69ha on portion 13 of the Farm Klipfontein 385 JS. The land is currently zoned agricultural but is in the process of being rezoned to residential. The area proposed for development is currently being used by the inhabitants of the township for the grazing of livestock and for cultivation.

The area proposed for development consists mostly of grassland with large sections of wetland areas. No heritage resources were identified in the development area. Interviews with residents indicated the presence of old graves that have recently been incorporated into the new formal cemetery established for the township. This cemetery falls outside of the area proposed for development.

According to the Geotechnical Report submitted as part of the Final BAR, the bedrock beneath the proposed extensions comprises mostly of shale and sandstone of the Vryheid Formation of the Ecca Group and tillite from the older Dwyka Group. No assessment of impacts to palaeontological resources was provided in the submitted HIA.

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Although the submitted report indicates that it is unlikely that any significant heritage resources will be impacted by the proposed development, no assessment of impacts to palaeontological heritage resources has been completed.

As such, SAHRA requires that a Desktop Palaeontological Report be submitted to SAHRA for assessment.

Should it not be possible to adhere to the above conditions, the applicant must consult with SAHRA regarding the reasons for non-compliance. In this instance, on SAHRA's advice, other mitigation strategies may have to be adopted which will require following a process for archaeological or palaeontological investigation in terms of Section 35 of the NHRA (Act 25 of 1999).

SAHRA looks forward to receiving the above information before issuing a Final Comment on this proposed development.



Siyathuthuka Residential Township

Our Ref: 16/1/5/7 Siyathuthuka Township Extension

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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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