



Letter

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

Attention: Ga-segonyana Local Municipality
Cnr Voortrekker and School Street
Kuruman
Northern Cape

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Consultation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) in respect of township establishment on the farm Kuruman 69 HM (Erf 5355), situated in the Magisterial District of Kuruman, Northern Cape Province.

Thank you for submitting the Background Information Document (BID) for the proposed development of Wrenchville township located in Kuruman, Northan Cape. Approximately 123ha is proposed to be developed into 250 residential erven of which 100 will be RDP houses and 150 will be targeted at middle income groups.

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999), any proposed development that requires an application in terms of NEMA must have an assessment of impacts to heritage resources completed as part of the application process. The relevant heritage authority must determine whether the assessment done in terms of impacts to heritage resources satisfies our requirements and must provide comments or recommendations to the decision-making authority.

Based on the information provided in the submitted BID, the proposed development may impact on heritage resources such as archaeology and palaeontology.

As such, SAHRA requires that a heritage impact assessment be completed that assesses the impact of the proposed development on all heritage resources including, but not limited to, archaeological heritage, rock art, palaeontological heritage, any significant structures and intangible heritage. This assessment must not only assess impacts in terms of the development footprint, but must also assess broader, indirect impacts to heritage that may result from the proposed development.

The quickest process to follow for the archaeological component would be to contract a specialist (see www.asapa.org.za) to provide a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment Report. This must be done before any developemnt takes place. The Phase 1 Impact Assessment Report will identify the archaeological sites and assess their significance. It should also make recommendations (as indicated in section 38 of the NHRA) about the process to be followed. For example, there may need to be a mitigation phase (Phase 2) where the specialist will collect or excavate material and date the site. At the end of the process the heritage authority may give permission for destruction of the sites.

A Desktop Palaeontological study must be undertaken to assess whether or not the development will impact upon palaeontological resources. If the area is deemed sensitive, a full Phase 1 Palaeontological Impact



Proposed Housing Development on ERF 5355, Kuruman, Northern Cape Province

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Assessment will be required and if necessary a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary (see www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za).

Any other heritage resources that may be impacted such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewscapes must also be assessed.

This assessment must satisfy SAHRA's minimum requirements for impact assessments and must comply with the requirements in Section 38(3) of the NHRA and as such, this assessment must provide recommendations regarding the mitigation of any identified direct and indirect impacts to heritage resources.

SAHRA looks forward to receiving this assessment before commenting further on this proposed development.

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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