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## Interim Comment

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

Attention: HydroScience  
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#### **A full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the proposed residential development on Portion 91 of the farm Waterkloof 305 JQ, Rustenburg, in the North West Province.**

*Van Vollenhoven, AC. January 2014. A Report Of The Farm On A Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment For The Proposed Development On Portion 91 Of The Farm Waterkloof 305 Jq, Close To Rustenburg, Northwest Province.*

A residential development is proposed on Portion 91 of Farm Waterkloof 305JQ, Rustenburg, North West Province. The development footprint is 22.7 hectares, will take five years to complete and is situated between agricultural fields and a commercial/business park. The development will consist of the following services:

- Residential units;
- Access and internal roads; and
- Infrastructure for bulk services (water supply and sewage).

A Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment was submitted in support of this application. However, no palaeontological assessment was undertaken. The project falls within in area with no palaeontological sensitivity data. A palaeontological desktop assessment will be required to assess the palaeontological sensitivity or at least a letter of exemption will have to be submitted to SAHRA by a professional palaeontologist.

In terms of the archaeological component of the heritage resources, the specialist predicted that no archaeological resources would be identified due to past landscape disturbances. According to the archaeology report sites dating to the Later Iron Age are known to occur around the area of Rustenburg. The author also noted that sites dating to the historical period such as buildings and structures could be present on site. None of these features were identified during the course of the survey. However, it is noted that the GPS tracks (page 13) shows that the focus of the survey was on the outer boundary of the site. It is therefore not clear if the project was subject to intensive survey.

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Considering the fact that it appears that a significant portion of the site was not subject to intensive foot survey and the focus was on the boundary of the site, SAHRA are unable at this stage to assess the potential impacts on heritage resources for this project. SAHRA requests clarity on the areas surveyed and the motivation for this decision. Furthermore, a palaeontological desktop assessment or a letter of exemption will need to be compiled by a professional palaeontologist and submitted to SAHRA.

SAHRA will issue a Final Comment as soon as the information requested is provided. Development may not proceed until such time SAHRA are satisfied that its concerns have been adequately addressed.

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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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/157130>  
(DEDECT, Ref: NWP/EIA/77/2013)

**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.

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3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.



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