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Final Comment

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

Attention: Flexilor Properties (Pty)

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(Proposed residential township establishment located on a Portion of the Remainder of the farm Grootdoorn 292 LQ as Phase 1). PROPOSED TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHMENT ON PORTIONS 20, 22 AND 25 OF THEUNISPAN 293 LQ, PORTIONS 1 – 4 OF GROOTDOORN 292 LQ, A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF THE FARM GROOTDOORN 292 LQ, AND PORTION 3 OF STEENBOKPAN 295 LQ WITHIN LEPHALALE LOCAL MUNICIPAL AREA OF THE WATERBERG DISTRICT, LIMPOPO PROVINCE.

Hutten, M. January 2014. Proposed Development of the Steenbokpan Extension 3 Township on the Remainder and Portions 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Farm Grootdoorn 292 LQ, Portions 20, 22 and 25 of the Farm Theunispanspan 293 LQ and Portion 3 of the Farm Steenbokpan 295 LQ at Steenbokpan, west of Lephalale in the Lephalale Local Municipality, Waterberg District, Limpopo Province.

The Steenbokpan Development Consortium proposes the development of a new township on the on approximately 1840ha of land located on Portion 20, 22 and 25 of Theunispanspan 293 LQ, Portions 1 – 4 of Grootdoorn 292 LQ, a Portion of the Remainder of the farm Grootdoorn 292 LQ, and Portion 3 of Steenbokpan 295 LQ. SAHRA requested a new Heritage Impact Assessment 30 August 2013) as the previous specialist study did not meet SAHRA Minimum Standards. Consequently a new Heritage assessment was undertaken and submitted to SAHRA for assessment.

A total number of seven heritage resources were identified during the field assessment, five of which are burial grounds and graves. The following sites were identified and recorded:

1. SBP 001: The dilapidated remains of the Harmse homestead, possibly dating to the 1930s;
2. SBP 002: An old shop with several additions and alterations. It is believed that the shop may date to the 1940s;
3. SBP 003: A fenced cemetery with eight burials, the earliest burial dating to the 1970s;
4. SBP 004: A small informal cemetery with twelve burials, the earliest burial dating to the 1940s;
5. SBP 005: An informal cemetery with 31 graves. The graves with legible information dating from the 1970s;
6. SBP 006: An informal cemetery with 16 graves. The oldest graves date to the 1960s;
7. SBP 007: An informal cemetery with 3 graves. The oldest burial dates to the 1960s.



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SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves Unit supports the recommendation of the author that the graves should be retained *in situ*. For this purpose, a proper fence must be built around them including entry gates to allow visits from relatives and family friends. The fence must be placed 2 meters away from the perimeter of the graves. No development is allowed within 15 meters from the fence line surrounding the graves. Alternatively, The SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves Unit requires that if the area where the burials are located fall within the development footprint, then provisions stipulated in section 36 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act No. 25 of 1999) are applicable, and relocation of these might proceed provided that a public consultation process is followed. Please note that recommendations apply to graves 60 years or older and not in a municipal cemetery. Other legislation applies to graves younger than 60 years.

Any decisions regarding the dilapidated homestead SBP 001 and the old shop SP 002 should be referred to the Limpopo Heritage Resources Agency (Mr Donald Lithole, litholek@limpopo.sac.gov.za).

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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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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