

Final Comment

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

Attention: J Paul van Wyk Urban Economists & Planners cc

THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 89 OF THE FARM NOOITGEDACHT 268 IT ERMELO MPUMALANGA

Kusel, U. S. February 2014. *Phase 1 Cultural Heritage Resources Impact Assessment for the remainder of Portion 89 of the Farm Nooitgedacht 268 IT, Ermelo, Mpumalanga Province.*

The above report was submitted as the Heritage Assessment for the proposed Re-zoning and Shopping Centre development on Portion 89 of Farm Nooitgedacht 268 IT, Ermelo, Mpumalanga. The area was previously used as an agricultural show ground, which has buildings older than 60 years on the premises.

Based on the heritage report attached, the only heritage resources identified were built environment resources older than 60 years. As such a permit for destruction in terms of Section 34 of the NHRA, as recommended in the heritage report above, must be submitted to MPHRA (The Mpumalanga Provincial Heritage Resources Authority) before any of these structures are impacted.

On the SAHRA Palaeontology Sensitivity Map, Ermelo lies in an area of very high palaeontological sensitivity. As the area proposed for development is already developed, it is difficult to identify the location of any significant palaeontological resources. Usually a field based PIA (Palaeontology Impact Assessment) is required for areas of very high palaeontological sensitivity, however in this instance, a field assessment is not considered necessary.

Due to the previous development of the area in question, it is unlikely that the proposed development will impact on significant archaeological and palaeontological resources.

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Based on the submitted information, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology & Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objection to the proposed development on the condition that;

- A destruction permit for the structures older than 60 years must be submitted to MPHRA (Ben Moduka, bmoduka@mpg.gov.za)
- A Chance Fossil Finds Procedure must be drafted and submitted to SAHRA for approval. This document must make provision for the accidental discovery of significant palaeontological resources and must include details on the process to followed should fossil material be discovered as well the name of a palaeontologist who will be contacted in such instances. This Fossil Finds Procedure must be included in the EMP.
- Should any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments and charcoal/ash concentrations), unmarked

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human burials, fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA APM Unit (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Colette Scheermeyer 021 462 4502) must be alerted immediately, and a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.

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/163668>

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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