

Letter

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

Attention: BEUKA Ontwikkelings Trust
Room 19, Dennis van Reenen Building
Voortrekker Street 48
Lydenburg, 1120

Proposed Service Station and Truck Stop on Portion 43 of farm Rooidraai 34JT, Lydenburg, Mpumalanga Province.

Thank you for informing SAHRA of the proposed Service Station on Portion 43 of farm Rooidraai 34 JT, Lydenburg, Mpumalanga Province. The proposed development is 10 ha and is 5km away from Lydenburg town. It is noted that the proposed development lies across the road from another development on the farm Roodraai 34 JT in which a heritage impact assessment has been conducted (MAPID_02173). Several stone-walled sites were identified for this assessment.

Based on the location of the proposed development in the Lydenburg area, SAHRA will require a heritage impact assessment. The Lydenburg area is a high archaeology sensitive area, it is well known for the Early Iron Age archaeological sites in which the famous Lydenburg heads were found.

The area for proposed development lies in a low palaeontology significant zone according to the palaeo-sensitivity map (<http://www.sahra.org.za/map/palaeo>). The likelihood that there will be any palaeontological resources impacted on is low.

It should be noted that in terms of section 35 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999), all archaeological resources are protected. This includes remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments and charcoal/ash concentrations, unmarked human burials, fossils or other categories of heritage resources.

Due to the high sensitivity of the proposed development, SAHRA requests that a phase 1 heritage impact assessment be conducted by a relevant professional heritage practitioner:

- this will include an Archaeological Impact Assessment which must adhere to SAHRA Minimum Standards.
- 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 viewsapes must also be assessed.

Once the requested HIA is submitted, SAHRA will make a further comment on the proposed development. For any questions please contact SAHRA APM Unit (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Colette Scheermeyer on 021 462 4502).

Rooidraai Service Station and Truck Stop

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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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