Application for the continued operations of Lehurutshe landfill site

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Final Comment

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

Attention: Ramotshere-Moiloa Local Municipality

Application for the continued operations of Lehurutshe landfill site located Remainder of the Farm Welbedacht 39-JO, Ramotshere-Moiloa Local Municipality

The Ramotshere-Moiloa Local Municipality is applying for the continued operation of the Lehurutshe landfill site on the Remainder of the Farm Welbedacht 39-JO, North West Province. According to the Basic Assessment Report the landfill site is not formally classified. The site is approximately 3.13 hectares, is unfenced and with no access control. The date when the landfill was opened is uncertain.

Considering that the area has already been impacted by waste disposal and that the landscape is not in pristine condition, it is unlikely that the archaeological or any other heritage resources will be located on the property on question.

It is noted that the area proposed for the development is underlain by sediments that are of moderate palaeontological sensitivity, and usually a desktop study is required. However, it is unlikely that significant heritage resources will be impacted due to the limited extent of this development.

Decision:

Due to the nature of the development SAHRA has no objection to the proposal and no heritage studies are required. Please note, however, that heritage resources are still generally protected in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act. Heritage resources likely to occur in the area include fossils as previously mentioned, rock art, buried ceramics, archaeological artefacts and burials.

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology & Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objection to the proposed development on the condition that if any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, marine shell and charcoal/ash concentrations), unmarked human burials, fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA APM Unit (Mr Phillip Hine/Mrs 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



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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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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: http://www.sahra.org.za/node/167235

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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.

