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Final Comment

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

Attention: METHALE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING

Recommendation for Exemption from AIA - Kagiso Archive

Thank you for notifying SAHRA of the proposed development of the Provincial Archive Centre, on Portion 74 of 115 of Erf 15048 in Kagiso Ext 6, Mogale City Local Municipality, Gauteng Province. The intended development is going to be on a portion of land that is 1.5ha.

Under sections 34, 35 and 36 of the National Heritage Resources Act (25 of 1999) heritage resources are protected from damage from mining and development activities. These resources are for instance burial grounds, unmarked and marked graves that are older than 60 years, built structures that are older than 60 years old, archaeology (stone tools, stone walled sites, prehistoric and historic pottery sherds, ash grounds etc.) and palaeontology (fossils of plant and animal materials).

Mr J. Van der Walt. August 2014. *Recommendation for Exemption from AIA - Kagiso Archive.*

It is noted that the location of the proposed development has been disturbed by previous office developments surrounding the empty plot. The area as seen in the photographs and in the motivations shows that it is unlikely that significant heritage resources would be impacted by the proposed development.

According to the fossil sensitivity map (<http://www.sahra.org.za/map/palaeo>) the area under consideration is of low palaeontological sensitivity. A palaeontological study is not required, but a protocol for finds is required. This must be included in the EMPr.

Final Comment:

SAHRA Archaeology Palaeontology Meteorites (APM) Unit agrees with the recommendations mentioned in the letter of exemption written by MR. J. Van der Walt. Based on the submitted information and motivation in the letter, it is not likely that any heritage resources will be found on the property proposed for development.

SAHRA APM Unit has no objections with the proposed development on condition that should any evidence of any significant archaeological sites or remains (e.g: 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 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.

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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/171442>

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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