



## Response to NID (Notification of Intent to Develop)

### In terms of Section 38(2) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mpumalanga - Department of Public Works, Roads & Transport  
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**The Mpumalanga Department of Public Works proposes to develop the Swartfontein Secure Care Centre, located near the Klipkoppie dam in the Mbombela Local Municipality, Mpumalanga. The proposed development will have a footprint of 107.6 hectares and will include the following infrastructure: • Single and double storey residential and office buildings; • Access roads; • Waste transfer facility; • Reservoir (storing 250kl/250m3 per day) • Sports field and services; and • Waste Water Treatment Package Plant (WWTPP).**

Thank you for notifying SAHRA on the intension to develop the Swartfontein Secure Care Centre, on portion 0 of the farm Swartfontein 227, Mbombela Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. The footprint of the development is 107.6ha and it consists of offices, residential buildings, sports complexes, resevoir and other earth works. This development is intended as a juvenile detention and rehabilitation centre. The proposed land was previously used for agricultural purposes.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. This means that before such sites are disturbed by development it is incumbent on the developer (or mine) to ensure that a **Heritage Impact Assessment** is done. This must include the archaeological component (Phase 1) any other applicable heritage components. Appropriate (Phase 2) mitigation, which involves recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed, must be done as required.

Thus SAHRA Archaeology Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit requires a Heritage Impact Assessment for this intended development which consist of an archaeological component which should follow the SAHRA minimum standards for Heritage Impact Assessment reports and which must be compiled by a professional archaeologist.

The location of proposed development lies on a negligible palaeontological sensitive zone, thus SAHRA exempts you from conducting a Palaeontological Impact Assessment.

SAHRA awaits the study before making further comment on this proposed development.

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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