



Final Comment

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

The Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality Department of Human Settlements appointed Metroprojects PSP to conduct a feasibility study for a potential housing development on part of the Remainder and Portion 13 of the farm Weltevreden 118 I.R. The total, gross area of the two portions are \pm 321.41 ha and is situated in the eastern part of the Ekurhuleni municipal area, just south and east of Brakpan Central Town.

Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality proposes to construct a mixed use residential area in Brakpan to be named Brakpan x 13. It will be located on the remainder of Portion 13 of the farm Weltevreden 118 IR, the extent of the development is proposed to be 160 ha in Gauteng Province.

Under sections 34, 35 and 36 of the National Heritage Resources Act (25 of 1999) heritage resources are protected. 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 material).

Gaigher, S. March 2015. Heritage Impact Assessment for the Brakpan Old Location Township Development.

The author undertook a field survey of the proposed development with the aim of finding and documenting any heritage resources located in and around the proposed development area. There may be a possible graveyard in the area, and most of the landscape has been modified by an old residential area that has since been destroyed and is now known as the Brakpan Old Location site.

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit will exempt the development from commissioning a Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) because the area in which the proposed development has already been disturbed and the proposed development will not disturb the underlying bedrock.

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit have no objections to this proposed development on the following conditions:

All cemeteries should be fenced and a 20m buffer zone around the perimeter of the cemetery should be adhered to at all times. If it is not possible to retain the grave where it is located then the necessary permits will need to be applied for to SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves Unit 012 941 4960.



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Any buildings older than 60 years may not be damaged or destroyed during construction and operation of the water treatment facility. However any decisions made about the built environment older than 60 years are handled by the Gauteng Provincial Heritage Authority (PHRA-G) and the contact person is Tebogo Molokomme: 011 355 2545 (Email: Tebogo.molokomme@gauteng.gov.za).

If any fossils are uncovered during construction of the facility, then the ECO must notify SAHRA and construction must cease around the area immediately until a palaeontologist can verify the finds.

A palaeontologist should be called regularly to inspect the excavated rocks of the Vryheid Formation.

If 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), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA APM Unit (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Colette Scheermeyer 021 462 4502), and unmarked human burials contact the SAHRA BGG Unit (Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), 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/183341>



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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.



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