

## Interim Comment

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

Attention: Sarovic Investments Pty Ltd

**The project involves the establishment of a Mixed Residential Township across two properties. The proposed development will commence on the remaining extent of Portion 79 of the farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS and Portion 0 (remaining extent) of the farm Leeuwpoot 283 JS. The development on Portion 79 of Blesboklaagte is expected to commence in four phases while the development of Portion 0 of Leeuwfontein will commence in ten phases. The development will include the construction of roads as well as the provision of bulk services such as electricity, water, stormwater and sewage systems.**

Thank you for notifying SAHRA of the proposed development. We acknowledge your application and note that a HIA has been submitted to the case.

It is understood that Sarvonic investments cc intends to construct a township development on Remainder of Portion 79 of the farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS and Remainder of Portion 0 on the farm Leeuwpoot 283 JS, Emalahleni local municipality, Mpumalanga Province. The housing development on the farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS is proposed to be developed in 4 phases and the development on farm Leeuwpoot 283 JS to be developed in 10 phases.

The housing development will include the construction of roads, electrical power lines and stormwater drains and housing.

From the geological section of the Draft Scoping report, the site of the proposed development lies on shale and tillite of the Dwyka group, Karoo Supergroup and sandstone from the Wilge river formation from the Water group. The area on the SAHRIS palaeomap (<http://www.sahra.org.za/sahris/map/palaeo>) lies on Moderate palaeontological sensitivity and will require a palaeontological desktop assessment.

Pelser, A. June 2014. *A Phase 1 Hia Report For A Proposed Townhsip Development On The Remainder Of The Farm Leeuwpoot 283js & Ptn 79 Of Blesboklaagte 296js, Emalahleni, Mpumalanga.*

Mr Pelser undertook a field assessment in of the proposed township development in May 2014, just outside the town of Emalahleni in Mpumalanga. The aim of the assessment was to identify and document any possible heritage resources located on the surfact of the proposed development. Found during the field survey was a



grave and derelict historical remains.

**Site 1:** A cemetery consisting of 10 graves, some graves are dressed with stone packing whilst others have formal headstones. However despite the headstones the age of the graves could not be determined due to illegible writing. The cemetery lies too close to the proposed development area if not within the footprint of the development area, it is surrounded by fencing constructed by thin tree branches and bob wiring with some graves lying outside the makeshift fence. It should be noted that in most cases SAHRA requires for graves to remain *in situ*.

Sites 2-4: Consists of foundations to recent homesteads, low stone walled remains of a kraal. These sites are considered to be of low significance.

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SAHRA supports the recommendation that Sites 2-4 are of low significance, however not about the recommendation to remove the graves.

- SAHRA requires the cemetery to be fenced, with an entrance gate provided so that living family members may have access to the cemetery.
- SAHRA requires for a Palaeontological Desktop assessment to be conducted for this case. This study should be conducted by a suitably qualified Palaeontologist.

SAHRA will make further comment to this case once the Desktop Palaeontological study is submitted to this case.

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/266466>  
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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.

