

Final Comment

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

Attention: Tekplan Environmental
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Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Student Residences Development at the University of Venda in Thohoyandou, Thulamela Local Municipality, Limpopo Province.

The University of Venda proposes to construct new university student accommodation on their vacant land. Land clearing construction activities had already commenced before proper authorisation was obtained. The proposed university student accommodation will be located on the remainder of the farm Beuster 253 MT, Thulamela Local Municipality, Limpopo 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).

Hutton, M. June 2015. Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Student Residences Development at the University of Venda in Thohoyandou, Thulamela Local Municipality, Limpopo Province.

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. The landscape has been modified by the land clearing for the residence and no archaeological artefacts were identified in the disturbed surface.

Rubidge, B. May 2015. Palaeontological Desktop Study Student Residence Development, Thohoyandou, Limpopo Province.

The author undertook a desktop palaeontological impact assessment of the proposed development and found that the underlying geology consists of unfossiliferous Precambrian igneous and metamorphic rock; therefore it is unlikely that any fossil material will be uncovered during construction.

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

- 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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South African Heritage Resources Agency

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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/278437>

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.

