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## Final Comment

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

Attention: Vodacom

**Project Name: Vodacom Base Station: Schuitdrift Location: The site is located on the farm Schuitdrift 179 MT, Tshipise area, Musina Local Municipality area. The site is located on the premises of Maswiri Boerdery Pty Ltd on a hill next to a house and approx. 300m from the package buildings on the farm.**

Thank you for submitting the proposed Vodacom Based Station to boost Vodacom cell phone signal reception, around the Tshipise area within Musina Local Municipality, in Limpopo Province. The proposed development consists of the construction of a 25m tall mast with antennae and container housing associated equipment. The extent of the development will be 100m<sup>2</sup> fenced, however construction will include a larger disturbed area with material lay down area and workers camp. The proposed location is next to a farmstead on the remainder of the farm Schuitdrift 179 MT, only 300m away from the citrus packaging building.

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).

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From the information provided the proposed Vodacom Base Station will not impact on known heritage resources. The likelihood of uncovering heritage resources during construction is low as the area used to be agricultural fields. The area is located in palaeontological insignificant zone. SAHRA exempts this development from conducting a Heritage Impact Assessment as well as a Palaeontological Impact Assessment.

Although the commenting period is over SAHRA would like these conditions to be followed in terms of the NHRA (Act 25 of 1999):

- Any newly uncovered heritage resources should be cordoned off with a buffer zone of 10m, and an

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archaeologist or palaeontologist (Depending on the nature of the finds) should be called in to inspect the finds. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary, and a permit will be needed before mitigation is carried out. You may contact SAHRA APM Unit for further details: (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Phillip Hine 021 202 8652).

If any unmarked human burials are uncovered during construction then please contact the SAHRA BGG Unit (Itumeleng Masiteng/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490).

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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**ADMIN:**

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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.