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Final Comment

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

Attention: Govan Mbeki Local Municipality

The Govan Mbeki Local Municipality proposes to formally decommission (close) the existing Kinross landfill. The Kinross landfill has been in operation since 1993 and contains domestic refuse from Kinross, Secunda and other surrounding areas. It must be noted that the landfill has been operating illegally/without a waste licence. The Kinross landfill is located in the town of Kinross, which falls within the boundaries of Govan Mbeki Local Municipality, Mpumalanga. The Kinross Landfill is located on Portion 10 of Farm Zondegsfontein 124 IS in the north- eastern outskirts of the town.

Govan Mbeki Local Municipality is going through the process of legalising all its landfill sites, although the Kinross landfill site has been operational and the municipality is applying to Department of Environmental Affairs for a decommissioning licence for the site as per Category A, Activity 14 (NEMA Act no 59 of 2008). The Landfill site is located on Portion 11 of the farm Zondagsfontein 124 IS in Mpumalanga Province. The decommissioning of the landfill site will include construction of a concrete fence along existing fencing, storm water management system within the site, and other infrastructure for monitoring of the site, the current extent is 5.8ha and complete closure is foreseen to be about 2022.

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).

SAHRA exempts the development from conducting any heritage studies, as the area of the proposed development is already disturbed and covered by existing waste, and the underlying geology of the area is of no sensitivity for any fossiliferous rocks. The likelihood of any fossils and other cultural heritage object and graves being uncovered is low.

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit have no objection to this proposed development on the condition that the following are strictly adhered to:

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- 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, 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, and a permit will be needed before mitigation. You may contact SAHRA APM Unit for further details: (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Phillip Hine 021 202 8652),

- and if any unmarked human burials are uncovered then please contact the SAHRA BGG Unit (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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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.