



Final Comment

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

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Residential Township (Moripe Garden): Remaining extent of Portion 7 of the farm Kameelrivier 160 JR, Siyabuswa, Mpumalanga Province

Van Wyk Rowe, C. (July 2012). Specialist Report for Phase 1 Archeological / Heritage Impact Assessment: Proposed Residential Township (Moripe Garden): Remaining Extent of Portion 7 of the Farm Kameelrivier 160JR, Siyabuswa Mpumalanga

The above report was submitted to SAHRA for the proposed "Moripe Garden" Development. This is an extension of an existing settlement to meet the growth demand of the Siyabuswa Township and will cover approximately 50ha. The site proposed for development is largely vacant with approximately 75 upgraded houses already developed on the eastern portion of the site.

The land is currently zoned "Agricultural" and will require rezoning. It is unclear as to whether the proposed development falls within the existing urban edge of the Siyabuswa Township. The site is surrounded by numerous formal and informal settlements and the Renosterkop Dam Conservation area is located to the North West of the site.

No significant heritage resources were identified in the literature survey. Nor were any significant archaeological resources identified by the foot survey and no graves are known from the study area. The remaining foundations of two structures were identified on the property, however these have low heritage significance.

The southern and eastern portions of the site are underlain by granite of the Lebowa Granite Suite. In the north of the site, the report identified the sedimentary rocks of the Waterberg Group which are dominated by sandstone, conglomerate, siltstone and shale. This geological group is unlikely to contain significant fossil material.

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Based on the information provided in the above report, the likelihood of the proposed work impacting on significant heritage resources is low. No further studies are therefore required.

Consequently, SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology & Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objection to the proposed development on the condition that if any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, marine shell and charcoal/ash concentrations), unmarked human burials, fossils or other categories of heritage resources





are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA APM Unit (Jenna Lavin/Colette Scheermeyer 021 462 4502) 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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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/104396>

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.

