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## Response to NID (Notification of Intent to Develop)

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

Attention: Pauline Leboko
ATC South Africa

ATC intends to construct a 36m lattice mast with antennae mounted onto the mast, and container housing associated equipment. The size of the base station (fenced area) in which the mast and associated equipment will be placed will measure 12m x 12m (144m2). Cellular companies (Vodacom, MTN and Cell C) will be able to rent this mast from ATC. The site is located on the Remainder of Portion 147 of the farm Roodekuil 496 KR in the Bela-Bela Municipality area, Limpopo.

ATC intends to construction a 36 m Lattice telecommunication mast with antennae, container housing for equipment and electronic cable connection and fencing as well as an access road for rent to cellular service companies. The size of the station base will be  $144m^2$  once construction is completed and it is fence but the disturbed area will include the surrounding land during construction. This proposed project will be located on the remainder of Portion 147 of the farm Roodekuil 496 KR in the Bela Bela Local Municipality, in Limpopo Province.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA), no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. This means that before such sites are disturbed by development it is incumbent on the developer (or mine) to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is done. This must include the archaeological component (Phase 1) and any other applicable heritage components. Appropriate (Phase 2) mitigation, which involves recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed, must be done as required.

## **SAHRA Notification of Development comment**

Before a Further Comment can be issued on this development SAHRA requires the following report to be submitted to the case:

A desktop HIA or exemption letter conducted by a suitably qualified professional archaeologist. If you are unaware of any archaeologists then here is a link below for a list of archaeologists:

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(http://www.asapa.org.za/uploads/files/CRM List October 2014 %282%29 %281%29 %283%29.pdf).

A desktop PIA or exemption letter to be conducted by a suitably qualified professional palaeontologist. If you are unaware of any palaeontologists then here is a link below for a list of palaeontologists: (http://www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za/palaeontological-impact-assessments.html).

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

Heritage Officer

South African Heritage Resources Agency

Nokukhanya Khumalo

ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: http://www.sahra.org.za/node/354569 (LDEDET, Ref: )

## 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.