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

Attention: Dr Ruth S. Mompoti District Municipality

The Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) is assisting the Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti District Municipality (DRM hereafter) on behalf of the Greater Taung Local Municipality to licence various waste facilities within its jurisdiction. The Reivilo landfill is one of the landfill sites that will require a Closure Licence from the North West Department of Rural, Environment and Agricultural Development. DEA has thus appointed GA Environment (Pty) Ltd as independent Environmental Consultants, to undertake the Basic Assessment (BA) process as part of the Waste Management Licence Processes. The Reivilo landfill currently receives domestic refuse from Reivilo and other surrounding areas. It must be noted that the Reivilo landfill has been operating illegally without a licence for a number of years.

The Department of Environmental Affairs contracted GA Environmental (Pty) Ltd to conduct a Basic Assessment process in support of a Waste Management Licence Application for the closure of the Reivilo Landfill. It is located just outside the town of Reivilo on Portion 6 of the farm Brintjiesfontein 909 HN, in the Greater Taung Local Municipality within the North-West Province. Reivilo Landfill is currently operational without a licence, receiving domestic waste from the surrounding residential areas. The extent of the site is 2.585 hectares. The application of the waste licence is in fulfillment of the requirements of NEM:WA. As part of the closure the site will be capped with gravel and topsoil and landscaped as well as construction of a storm water drainage system.

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).

As landfill site is not going to be extended beyond the existing boundaries, no potential impacts are foreseen to heritage resources. As such SAHRA does not require any heritage studies.

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has no objections to the closure of Reivilo Landfill site, the planned activities listed in the Basic Assessment Report may go ahead as long as the following conditions are followed and included in the EMP:

- If any 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 then please contact the SAHRA BGG Unit (Itumeleng Masiteng/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490).
- Should additional topsoil be required to cap the landfill, the above Chance Finds Procedures must be implemented for the relevant borrow pit area. Should the borrow pit exceed 5 000 m², the developer must notify SAHRA of the development as per section 38 (1) of the NHRA. Should SAHRA deem it necessary, an Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) or Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) will need to be completed and submitted to SAHRA for comment

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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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.