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Final Comment

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

Attention: Mr Thomas Roos
VODACOM (PTY) LTD
P.O. Box 3670
Polokwane
0700

Project Description: Vodacom intends to construct a 35m 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 10m x 12m (120m²). Location: The site is located on the Remainder of the Farm Brook 772 LT on the premises of the Marakapula Nature Reserve approx. 20km west from Phalaborwa town near the R71, Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality area.

Vodacom is proposing to construct and maintain a Vodacom Cellular Base Station to be named Bosbok in the Makupele Nature Reserve, on the road to the workers accommodations. It is located in Limpopo Province.

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).

Final Comment

From the information provided the proposed Vodacom Base Station will not impact on known heritage resources and the likelihood of uncovering heritage resources during construction is low as the disturbance the area by the development is low and located off a gravel road. The palaeontological sensitivity of the site is in an insignificant zone (<http://www.sahra.org.za/sahris/map/palaeo>) and the likelihood of fossil bearing rocks being disturbed is low.

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit exempts this proposed Vodacom Bosbok Cellular Base Station development from conducting any heritage studies if the following conditions are included in the EMPr for implementation and are adhered to:

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- Any newly discovered heritage resources during construction and operation phases of the proposed development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the findings at the expense of the developer.

- If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required at the expense of the developer 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 you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

Nokukhanya Khumalo
Heritage Officer
South African Heritage Resources Agency

Phillip Hine
SAHRA Head Archaeologist (Acting)
South African Heritage Resources Agency

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.