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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Mr Tichaona Bothwell Mugomeza

Motselmi Architects

7 Bates Building

Tybalt Place

Waterfall Office Park

Bekker Street

Vorna Valley

Midrand

1686

Proposed New Middleburg Hospital Development in Steve Tshwete Local Municipality in the Nkangala District Municipality, Mpumalanga Province, gps coordinates: -25.811555, 29.459852 Proposed Restoratives Repairs to Middleburg Hospital Development in Steve Tshwete Local Municipality in the Nkangala District Municipality, Mpumalanga Province: gps coordinates: -25.775272,29.450127. The project entails the construction of a new district hospital in Middelburg. Part of the programme includes upgrading the existing hospital and turning it into a step down facility. The upgrading will also include maintenance of the old hospital so it can continue functioning until the new facility is complete. The proposed restoratives renovations

Thank you for submitting the proposed refurbishment of the Middelburg Hospital and the proposed new Middelburg District Hospital to SAHRA for commenting. Steve Tshwete Local Municipality is proposing to constructed a new district hospital adjacent to the existing hospital and to refurbish the existing hospital which become will be used as a step down facility once the new hospital is functional.

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The only document submitted to the case is the restoration specification assessment document of the old hospital, which does not mention the proposed construction of the new district hospital and the age of the current hospital including the history of the hospital is not provided. The minimum required information for a historical structure should be the history of the construction, planning and operation of the hospital and surrounding buildings, the age of the buildings should be identified in order for its significance to be determined. Ideally a historical architect or local historian should be contacted to supply a report containing such information.

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However as it is still a building in use, not graded as a national heritage site, all applications should be sent to and comments will be received from Mr Benjamin Moduka from Mpumalanga Provincial Heritage Authority (ben.moduka@mpg.gov.za).

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot process this case until the following information is submitted to the case:

- Detailed project description of the construction of the new Middelburg District Hospital including information of its extent and location
- It should be noted that if the project applies for an Environmental Authorisation in terms of the NEMA (Act 107 of 1999) legislation as amended, then all the environmental documents that will be compiled by the Independent Environmental Practitioner must be submitted to this case.
- The developer will be liable to commission for a Heritage Impact Assessment in terms of section 38 (8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (no 25 of 1999).

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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Manager: Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage Unit / Acting Manager: Archaeology, Palaeontology and

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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.