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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Sky Village Properties CC

The proposed development will consist of the following uses: Retail Shops/Offices; Open Space; and Covered Parking.

Thank you for informing SAHRA of the proposed Standerton Shopping Mall development located on the remainder of Portion 2 of the farm Grootverlangen 409 IS in the town of Standerton, Lekwa Local Municipality in Mpumalanga Province. Sky Village Properties cc is proposing to construct a retail centre that will include shop spaces, offices, covered parking and associated infrastructure like storm water reticulation system, sewerage removal piping and water pipe lines.

The development is located on a very high palaeontological sensitive zone which SAHRA requires a palaeontological assessment to be conducted to determine whether the development will impact fossiliferous sensitive rocks. Since the surface of the development is disturbed by relatively recent developments, SAHRA exempts the developer from conducting a Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) however a palaeontological watching brief should be done by a qualified palaeontologist. The palaeontologist must monitor the ground clearance and excavations for the foundations of the proposed shopping mall for any fossils that may be uncovered.

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit does not require a heritage assessment for the proposed development because the surface topography of the proposed development area has been disturbed by recent activities, the possibility of uncovering any archaeological artefacts is low. Therefore SAHRA grants an exemption to the developer from commissioning further heritage studies.

SAHRA will issue a final comment once the following documents are submitted to the case:

- A letter of agreement between the developer and the palaeontologist who will be carrying out the monitoring, the letter should indicate the days in field a palaeontologist will be present on the construction site. If a qualified palaeontologist deems it not necessary to carry out a watching brief they must write a Letter of Recommendation of Exemption from Further Heritage Studies that will be submitted to the case.
- The Basic Assessment Report being compiled for this case.

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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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