

## 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: Ivy Jewel 35 (Pty) Ltd.

**The applicant, Ivy Jewel 35 (Pty) Ltd., intends to develop a residential area on Portion 52 of the farm Rondebosch 403 JS. Stands for a school, community facility, churches, businesses and three parks will also be included. The site is 48.4292 ha in extent and located adjacent to the Middelburg-Belfast (R104) provincial road on the outskirts of Middelburg, Mpumalanga.**

Thank you for notifying SAHRA of the proposed residential development in Middelburg. The development will be located on Portion 52 of the farm Rondebosch 403 JS, Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, Mpumalanga 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 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.

The township development falls within the larger mine right area, in which a HIA was requested in the comment published on the 6th of November 2012 on Case ID: 759 and also seen on the SAHRIS LocationInfo Map. Also located on the proposed development site, is the Old Towers Hotel which may possibly have been built more than 60 years ago.

SAHRA APM Unit Requests that a Heritage Impact Assessment must be conducted for this site, the heritage impact assessment report should be conducted by a suitably qualified archaeologist. The Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) report should follow the SAHRA HIA minimum standards.

This HIA report should include:

- A PIA desktop study, as the development location is location in a moderate palaeontologically sensitive zone.
- AIA assessing the impacts the development may have on archaeological resources that may be present in the development area.
- A Built environment assessment, as buildings over 60 years are generally protected from damage and



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destruction by the NHRA (25 of 1999).

- An assessment of any burial grounds that might be damaged during construction of the residential development.

SAHRA awaits these studies before further comment can be issued for this case.

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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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/181477>  
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