

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: Absa Development Company Holdings (Pty) Ltd.

The development of a new residential area and associated infrastructure on various portions of the farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS and a portion of Erf 5017 Klarinet X7, eMalahleni, is proposed. It is envisaged that the development will comprise of the following: 3 299 units of subsidised housing – low cost free standing Residential 1 stands; 1 113 units institutional housing (@ density 80 units/ha) - apartments (multi storey units) – medium low to medium cost bonded apartments and rental stock; 660 bonded housing units– medium low to medium high cost free standing Residential 1 stands. The said site is approximately 275 hectares in extent and located adjacent to the existing Klarinet X6, X7 and X8 residential areas, Mpumalanga.

Thank you for notifying SAHRA of the proposed Klarinet Integrated Housing Project. It is located on the Erf 5017 Klarinet X7 from the farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS, Emalahleni local municipality, Mpumalanga Province. It is noted that the project is still in the BID phase of the environmental authorisation process. The housing project entails the development of 3299 subsidised low cost housing units and 1113 institutional housing units, apartments, medium cost bond housing units. The total area proposed for development is 275ha in extent and surrounded by existing residential areas.

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.

Any other heritage resources that may be impacted such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed.

According to the SAHRA fossil sensitivity map, (<http://www.sahra.org.za/sahris/map/palaeo>) the development is situated in an area that has a very high to moderate palaeontological sensitive zones. The potential negative impact from this development should be assessed

Decision:

A Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment will be required for this development. This must be undertaken by a professional archaeologist. Other categories of heritage resources, listed above, should also be

Klarinet Integrated Housing Project Phase 2

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assessed. This heritage report must comply with SAHRA minimum standards for Heritage Impact Assessments (<http://www.sahra.org.za/about/legislation>). Please visit <http://asapa.org.za/index.php/heritage> for a list of CRM archaeologists.

Also a Phase 1 field based Palaeontological Impact Assessment should be conducted by a suitably qualified professional palaeontologist. If you are not aware of any palaeontologist please consult this page (<http://www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za/palaeontological-impact-assessments.html>).

SAHRA will provide further comments upon receipt of the specialist report.

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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