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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Ms Engela Grobler
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0700

DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ALOE FIELDS on the farm Wintersveld 427 MS VIVO, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

Phase 1 Heritage Resource Impact Assessment (Scoping & Evaluation) Development of New Aloe Fields Vivo, Limpopo Statement With Regard To Heritage Resources Management

An Aloe vera plantation is proposed on the Remainder of the farm Wintersveld 427 MS, near Vivo in the Makhado Municipal area, Limpopo Province. According to the Basic Assessment Report that was submitted three site alternatives have been earmarked for the plantation. In addition, to the Basic Assessment Report, Heritage Statement of significance was also submitted in support of this application.

The heritage statement that was submitted in support of this application indicated that no archaeological or any other heritage resources were identified during the field assessment. However, the report that has been submitted provides only basic information about the area surveyed and its archaeological background. No indication is provided as to which areas were surveyed, or if all three site alternatives were investigated. It is further noted that no information is provided as to whether other heritage surveys have been undertaken in the area. As such the report does not meet SAHRA Minimum Standards for Heritage Impact Assessments.

Decision

In order for SAHRA to make an informed decision regarding this project the report requires updating with the following information.

- A better description of the environment that is going to be affected,
- A proper detailed description of the archaeological history of the area,
- A detailed survey methodology with GPS track-paths,
- An indication of whether previous impact assessments have been done in the area

No palaeontological assessment has been undertaken for this project, however, considering that this project relates to an aloe plantation, an assessment of palaeontological resources will not be necessary.



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SAHRA will issue a Final Comment as soon as the information that has been requested is provided. Please note that no development must commence until SAHRA has issued the Final Comment.

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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South African Heritage Resources Agency

ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/126529>

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.



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