



Interim Comment

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

Attention: DIJALO PROPERTY SERVICES (PTY) LTD
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Basic Assessment Process for the Proposed Crossroads Mall Retail Facility, Springs

van Vollenhoven, A., November 2013. A Report On A Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment For A Proposed Shopping Mall Development Close To Springs, Gauteng Province.

A mall is proposed by Dijalo Property Development (Pty) Ltd on the Remaining extent of portion 81 of Farm Rietfontein 128. The development will cover a total of less than 20ha and will include 13ha of shops and 2058 parking bays.

An archaeological impact assessment report compiled by Dr van Vollenhoven was part of the specialists' studies included in the Basic Assessment Report. The archaeologist undertook a foot survey of the are which had already been heavily disturbed by previous agricultural activities, dumping and general trampling.

No heritage resources were identified during the field survey.

Although no palaeontological impact assessment (PIA) was undertaken and no mention of palaeontology is present in the Basic Assessment Report, the area is geologically underlain by the Vryheid Formation of the Ecca Group, Karoo Supergroup, which is of very high palaeontological significance. Fossil material previously identified in this formation comprises abundant plant fossils of Glossopteris and other plants (lycopods, rare ferns and horsetails, cordaitaleans, conifers, ginkgoaleans, rare fossil wood, diverse palynomorphs), low diversity trace fossils, rare insects, possible conchostracans, non-marine bivalves and fish scales.

In the light of the above, SAHRA requires that a PIA be undertaken. This report should include the results of a field assessment and a protocol for chance finds. SAHRA will further comment on this project once the PIA is received.

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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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.

