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Final Comment

In terms of Section 38(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Miss LESEDI BONOKWANE

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A FILLING STATION AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON 800 SQUARE METERS, AT MOLETSAMONGWE VILLAGE ON FARM MOLOPO 302 JO, MAHIKENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NORTH WEST PROVINCE, BRAY ROAD VIA AIRPORT ROAD

BLK2 Environmental Solutions (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Gofaone Security and Project Company (Pty) Ltd) to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for proposed development of a filling station on the Farm Molopo 302 JO, Mahikeng Local Municipality, North West Province.

A draft Basic Assessment Report (dBAR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, no 107 of 1998 (NEMA). The proposed prospecting activities include the installation of eight tanks, each with a capacity of 23, 000 litres with a combined capacity of 184 cubic metres and related service infrastructure.

In an interim comment issued on 25/06/21, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit acknowledged receipt of the dBAR and objected to the statement in the dBAR regarding heritage resources and requests that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) be submitted to the case for review as part of the EA. SAHRA also The also stated the HIA must be completed in terms of section 38(3) and 38(8) of National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). The HIA must be inclusive of archaeological component. Since the issuing on the interim comment an HIA has been submitted.

BLK2 Environmental Solutions (Pty) Ltd and Integrated Specialist Services (Pty) Ltd were appointed to provide heritage specialist input as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Millo, T. July 2021. Phase 1 Archaeological and Heritage Impact Assessment Report for the Proposed Development of a Filling Station and Associated Infrastructure at Moletsamongwe Village on the Farm Molopo 302 JO, Mahikeng Local Municipality, North West Province.

Several Phase 1 Archaeological/Heritage studies for various infrastructure developments, agriculture, and



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small-scale mining developments have been conducted in the project area since 2006. The current study should be read in conjunction with the previous Phase 1 impact studies conducted in the project area. Previous studies recorded cultural significant heritage resources in large project area. The proposed filling station is located within a heavily degraded area and has reduced sensitivity for the presence of highly significant physical cultural site remains. There was limited visibility during site survey. The survey did not identify or detect any sites, features, or objects of archaeological or cultural significance. A chance Find Protocol is recommended for Implementation.

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Further recommendation were proposed as follows:

- The proposed filling station development may be approved to proceed as planned under observation that project work does not extent beyond the surveyed site,
- It is advised the SAHRA's APM Unit be alerted when project work commences,
- If archaeological material are uncovered, work must cease immediately and the SAHRA be notified, and activities should not resume until appropriate management provisions are in place.

Final Comment

The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 3(4) of the NEMA Regulations and section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be included in the Final EMPr:

- 38(4)a The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) has no objections to the authorised development;
- 38(4)b The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. Further additional specific conditions are provided for the development as follows:
- No further assessment of the impact to palaeontological resources are required as the development footprint is located in an area of negligible sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map,
- · A Fossil Finds Protocol must be added to the EMPr.
- Monitoring reports of all development areas must be submitted to SAHRA upon completion of the construction phase;
- 38(4)c(i) If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Elijah D. Katsetse/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted as per



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section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;

- 38(4)c(ii) If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG)
 Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per
 section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section
 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)d See section 51(1) of the NHRA;
- 38(4)e The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:
- i) If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA;
- The EMPr must be updated to include conditions provided by SAHRA in this comment;
- The Final EMPr must be submitted to SAHRA for recorded purposes

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.