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Final Comment

In terms of Section 38(4), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Setala Environmental

Bailie Park

Setala Environmental (Pty) Ltd been appointed by Roelof Lodewikus Du Plessis to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the Ballie Park Extension 64 and 65 Township establishment on Portions 64, 572 and 1171 of the Farm Vyfhoek 428 IQ, JB Marks Local Municipality, Dr. Kenneth Kaunda District 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) and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014. The scope of work entails a township establishment with associated services on an estimated area of 14, 9952 ha.

Beyond Heritage and Prof. M Bamford have been appointed to provide heritage specialist input as part of the EIA process as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

van der Walt, J. July 2021. Heritage Impact Assessment for the proposed Baillie Park Ext 64 and 65 Township Development, Potchesftroom, North West province.

The specialist undertook both a desktop and field survey of the project area. It was observed that the project area is characterised by an open area with short grass cover and shrubs that used to be extensively cultivated and considered to be of low archaeological potential. This was confirmed during the filed survey and no archaeological sites of significance were noted and finds were limited to structures that could be older than 60 years. **BP001 and BP002** are historcal structures said to be older than 60 years by the owner and are given a Medium Significance.

Therefore, the impact on heritage resources is considered to be low and th eproject can be authorised provided that the recommendations in this report are adhered to and based on the SAHRA's approval.



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The following is recommended:

Implementation of a Chance Find Procedure for the project,
Standind structures that will be demolished must be assessed and recorded by a conservation architect prior to the application for a destruction or alteration permit adhering to all legal requirements.

Bamford, M. July 2021. Desktop Study (Phase 1): Palaeontological Impact Assessment of the proposed Baillie Park Ext 64 and Ext 65, Residential Development, Potchestroom, North West Province.

The proposed site lies on the moderately fossiliferous Quaternary sands and alluvium that might have transported and fragmentary fossils. None has been reported from the area to date. Nonetheless, a Fossil Chance Find Protocol should be added to the EMP. Based on this information it is recommended that no further palaeontological impact assessment is required unless fossils are found by the contractor, environmental officer or other designated responsible person once excavations, drilling or construction activities have commenced. Since the impact will be low, as far as the palaeontology is concerned, the project should be authorised.

It is noted that SAHRA was consulted as part of the EA process (29/07/2022) and SAHRA was unable to provide comments in terms of section 38(8) of the NHRA within the commenting period.

Comment

As the NEMA EA commenting period has ended, this comment must be sent directly to the competent Authority. SAHRA inserts the following comments 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 BAR and EMP.

- The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. Further additional specific conditions are provided for the development as follows:
- A relevant section 34 permit must be obtained from the North West Provincial Heritage Resources Authority for the mitigation of historical structure BP001 and BP002.
- 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 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



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item 5 of the Schedule;

- If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/ Ngqalabutho Madida 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;
- See section 51(1) of the NHRA regarding offences;
- The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists: 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

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.