Insimu Yami Youth Co-op Chicken Our Ref: 9/2/248/0001

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Letter

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

Attention: Mr Wandile Ndlovu Insimu Yami Youth Co-Op Chicken P.O. Box 3256 Nelspruit 1200

DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR INSIMU YAMI YOUTH CO-OP CHICKEN PROJECT ON SCHAGEN 273 JT, PTN 47, NELSPRUIT, MBOMBELA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY.

Thank you for your indication that development is to take place in this area.

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.

Decision:

It is noted in the Basic Assessment Report that the area where the development is to take place has been impacted on by the previous land owner. However, judging from the site photographs the area appears to be densely vegetated. Considering that vegetation may obscure the presence of heritage resources, SAHRA recommends that the developer contract an archaeologist to conduct a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment for this property. However, if the property is small or very disturbed, an archaeologists can compile a Letter of Exemption from a full Phase 1 AIA and submit it to SAHRA.

The developer needs to ensure that a Palaeontological study is undertaken or at least a Letter of Exemption from a palaeontologist will be needed to indicated that such a study is not necessary.

Please visit <u>www.asapa.org.za</u> and <u>www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za</u> for a list of specialist that may be contacted to undertake the specialist studies.

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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