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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mr Macmillan Ferguson

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Mediro Association is proposing the construction of 6 poultry houses with the capacity to hold up to 10 000 birds per house on Portion 44 (portion of portion 27 of the farm Lanric 59 JO situated in Mahikeng District within the Mahikeng Local Municipality area.

Bucandi Environmental Solutions has been appointed by Mediro Association to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for proposed construction of 6 poultry houses on Portion 44 Portion of Portion 27 of the Farm Lanric 59 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 scope of work will entail the construction of 6 poultry houses (70 m x 6 m) each. Each house will have the capacity of 10 000 layers. The construction phase will entail earthworks and vegetation clearing and the construction of related infrastructure.

Page 8, section 7.2.1 of the dBAR notes that "there are no artefacts of cultural or heritage importance at the site. If any artefacts are discovered construction will cease and heritage specialist will be contacted". However, no heritage impact assessment studies have been submitted along with the dBAR.

The proposed construction of 6 poultry houses is located in an area of low and/or insignificant palaeosensitivity as per palaeosensitivity maps.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit acknowledges receipt of the dBAR and the statement in the dBAR regarding heritage resources. SAHRA's APM Unit requests that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) be submitted to the case for review as part of the EA. The HIA must have been 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 components.

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The quickest process to follow for the archaeological component would be to contract a qualified archaeologist (see www.asapa.co.za or www.aphp.org.za to provide an Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA). The AIA must comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Component of Impact Assessments. A qualified Archaeologist can request an exemption from Conducting an HIA as per section 38(2)b of the NHRA (25 of 1999).

No further Palaeontological Assessment is required as the proposed development footprint is located within an area of low and insignificant sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. A Fossil Finds Procedure must be developed for the construction phase of the proposed development (a list of qualified palaeontologists can be found at <https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html>).

Any other heritage resources as defined in section 3 of the NHRA that may be impacted, such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above. The applicant is advised EA process in terms of section 19(1)b of NEMA EIA regulations to comply with this

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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