

# The proposed development of the Mall of the North West on Erf 1183, a Portion of Erf 506, Vryburg

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## Interim Comment

**In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

Attention: Dusty Moon Investment 344 (Pty) Ltd represented by Jacques Reynecke

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**The development of the Mall of the North West on Erf 1183, a Portion of Erf 506, Vryburg. The proposed Vryburg Mall was approved in terms of NEMA in 2014, due to unforeseen circumstances, commencement of the EA did not take place within the regulated timeframe of the EA and has subsequently lapsed. This application seeks to reinstate the EA.**

Hill and Environmental has been appointed as an Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner by Dusty Moon Investments 344 (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed development of the Mall of the North West on Erf 11883, a Portion of Erf 506, Vryburg, Naledi Local Municipality, North West Province.

A Basic Assessment Report has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, no 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The scope of work will entail a single phase 19. 029m<sup>2</sup> of gross lettable area over two levels, 810 parking bays over an estimated area of 5, 0823 ha.

Section 4.4. of the DBAR states that "it is unclear whether a comment or approval was issued by the a Heritage Authority for the original EA application (expired 2014). And that SAHRA had requested that a PIA be submitted for commenting". A PIA has been submitted with the application.

The proposed Mall of the North West is in an area previously assessed for a power line installation, SAHRIS case (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/mookodi-integration-phase-2-mookodi-ga...>). The heritage specialist input provided for the project identified several heritage resources of significance in the large area of the Naledi Local Municipality.

Dr. JF Durandt was appointed to provide heritage input into the EA process as per section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) as required by section 24(4)(iii) of NEMA.

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*Durandt, J. F. December 2021. Palaeontological Impact Assessment: Proposed Development of A Mall in Vryburg, North West Province.*

The chances of finding fossils in the sedimentary rocks of the Vryburg Formation of the Griqualand West Supergroup and the tillite and shales of the Dwyka Group of the Karoo Supergroup are Low, however no fossils have been reported from the study area. A Fossil Chance Find Protocol is recommended and attached (pp. 12-13).

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The SAHRA APM Unit acknowledges receipt of the BAR application, the PIA report and recommendations contained therein. No further palaeontological studies are required. SAHRA requests that the following is undertaken in terms of section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (25 of 1999) as part of the EA application process.

The proposed development has the potential to impact negatively on heritage and/or cultural resources of the area. Therefore a heritage impact assessment must be conducted. A field-based assessment of the impact to archaeological resources must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist. The report must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA and the SAHRA 2006 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Component of Impact Assessments, and the 2012 Minimum Standards: Archaeological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments. The Minimum Standards provides allowance for a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption that can be submitted by a qualified archaeologist should they deem it appropriate.

The assessment should include any other heritage resources that may be impacted such as built structures over 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 to extend the EA process in terms of section 19(1)b of the NEMA EIA regulations in order to comply with this comment.

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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