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## **Interim Comment**

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

Attention: Ms Me. Motlatsi Tolo

### **Addition of 6 poultry houses on Remaining extent of the farm Twyfelhoek 62 JO, situated in Mahikeng District within Mahikeng Local Municipality.**

Bucandi Environmental Solutions have been appointed by Raseto Agricultural Enterprise CC to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed addition of six (6) poultry houses with the capacity to hold up to 50 000 birds per house on the remaining extent of the Farm Twyfelhoek 62 JO, Mahikeng Local municipality, Dr Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality, North West Province.

A draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) as amended and the NEMA 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations. The scope of work entails the construction of six (6) environmentally controlled poultry houses (141m x 18m each) with associated activities that will include the clearance of 3.36 ha of land, a silo and water tank, a pipe line, and a 2.4m high electric fence.

Sections 7.2.1 of the DBAR state that "there are no artefacts of cultural or heritage importance at the site. If any artefacts are discovered construction will cease and a heritage specialist will be contacted"

The proposed development is in an area of Low Palaeontological Sensitivity. Therefore, no further studies are required in terms of palaeontology. A Fossil Chance Find Procedure must be developed as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity Map.

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The SAHRA acknowledges receipt of the BAR and notes the statement contained therein with regards to heritage resources. The SAHRA's APM Unit requests that a HIA be undertaken in terms of section 38(3) of the NHRA (25 of 1999) as part of the EA process.

The proposed development has the potential to impact negatively on heritage and/or cultural resources, 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.

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, and graves of victims of conflict must also be assessed.

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

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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