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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: Bizycon Pty Ltd

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**The proposed development entails the township establishment to cater for approximately 876 units of low-income houses and associated settlement infrastructure such as roads, electricity, water, and sanitation.**

Bizycon (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Akha Maduna Property Developers (Pty) Ltd as an Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application on behalf of the Kgetlerenrivier Local Municipality for the proposed Township establishment on Portion 227 and the Remaining Extent of Portion 116 of the Farm Brakfontein 404 JP, Swartruggens, Kgetlerenrivier Local Municipality, Bojanala Platinum District, North West Province.

A draft Scoping Report (DSR) 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 township establishment to cater for approximately 876 low-income houses units with associated infrastructure (access roads, water and sanitation, electricity etc..). The total development area is an estimated 84.4 ha.

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

*van Vollenhoven. A. June 2021. A Desktop Heritage Impact Assessment For A Township Establishment On Portion 227 and The Remaining Extent Of The Farm Brakfontein 404 JP Close To Swartruggens, North West Province.*

The specialist undertook a desktop assessment of the development area and identified about 10 sites of

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potential heritage value. These sites range from built structures to potential graves and/or burials. The specialist has recommended a field assessment of the project development areas to establishment both the value and nature of these identified features.

Dr. Heidi Fourie is listed a palaeontologist and specialist who has and/or will undertake a Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) for the proposed development. However, no PIA has been submitted with the application to SAHRA for review and commenting.

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The SAHRA acknowledges receipt of the DSR, the HIA report and recommendations contained therein. The SAHRA request that the following is undertaken and submitted for commenting in terms section 38(3) of the NHRA (25 of 1999): A filed-based HIA of the project development area as recommended in the HIA and; The proposed development footprint is located in areas of moderate sensitivity for palaeontological resources as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such, a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) is required to be conducted as part of the EA process. The desktop PIA must be compiled by a qualified palaeontologist and must comply with the SAHRA 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments.

The applicant to upload the PIA if it has been undertaken. Please upload this to the section titled heritage report, the attached HIA should also be migrated to the relevant section.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested report and the submission of the draft EIA with appendices.

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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