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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: Dr Rashieda
Enviroheart Consulting Pty (Ltd)

The Waterfall Islamic Trust intends to develop a Mosque, classrooms and residential infrastructure on the farm Waterkloof Portion 305, in Rustenburg, North West Province

EnviroHeart Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by The Waterfall Islamic Trust to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed Waterkloof Mosque and Residential Development on the Remaining Extent of Portion 209 of the Farm Waterkloof Portion 305 in Rustenburg, Rustenburg Local Municipality, Bojanala Platinum District Municipality, North West Province (**NWP/EIA/112/2021**).

A Basic Assessment Report (BAR) 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 entails a mixed-use development with a Mosque, Claasrroms, a residential component with associated services.

It is stated in section 5.3 of the BAR under 'Heritage Aspects' that "due to the largely disturbed and transformed nature of the site from agricultural activities (Mango Orchards), dumping of construction rubble and demolition of old buildings on site, it is unlikely that any heritage impacts could result. During the site visit, no sites of heritage/archaeological value or artifacts were identified on site.

A project geo location file (Kml.) was not submitted with the application as a result the impact of the development on palaeontological resources could not be done using SAHRIS' PalaeoSensitivity Map.

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The SAHRA APM Unit acknowledges receipt of the BAR application and request 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.

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Therefore a heritage impact assessment must be conducted. The assessment 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.

Please submit a project area location file (kml.) in the GIS layer of your SAHRIS application for Palaeontological Assessment. The applicant is advised to use the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity Map (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/map/palaeo>) to determine if a Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) study for the development footprint must be undertaken for proposed project. PIAs must be conducted by a qualified palaeontologist. 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: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments. The Minimum Standards provides allowance for a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption that can be submitted by a qualified palaeontologist 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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