Eagles Pride Hatchery is proposing the construction of 30 breeder houses

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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: Rudie Briel

Eagles Pride Hatchery is proposing the construction of 30 breeder houses, 6 sites with 5 houses on each site with the capacity to hold up to 7 200 birds per house on Portion 10, 18, 21, 23, 32 & Remaining Extent of Portion 28 of Farm Wagenboomskop 415 JP, situated in Swartruggens District within Kgetlengrivier Local Municipality area.

Bucandi Environmental Solutions has been appointed by EAGLES PRIDE HATCHERY WAGENBOOMSKOP to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the construction of 30 breeder houses, 6 sites with 5 houses on each site with the capacity to hold up to 7 200 birds per house on Portion 10, 18, 21, 23, 32 and Remaining Extent of Portion 28 of the Farm Wagenboomskop 415 JP situated in Swartruggens within Ketlengrevier 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) and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2017. The scope of work entails the construction of 30 environemntally controlled poultry houses (108 m x 15 m each) this will require the clearance of 11. 94 ha of indigenous vegetation, clearance of 2. 97 ha of agricultural land, earthworks on 14. 91 ha, a silo and water tank, powerline, and a 2.4 m high fence.

It is stated in section 7.4.1 that "no artefacts of cultural or heritage significance importance at the site and that if any artefacts are discovered construction will seize and a heritage specialist will be contacted".

Interim Comment

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 activities have 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

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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 proposed Hatchery is located in an area of High palaeontological sensitivity, a desktop assessment of the impact to palaeontological resources must be undertaken. The assessment 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 viewscapes 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 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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