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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: Henwil Chickens (Pty) Ltd

Henwil Chickens (Pty) Ltd requested BECS Environmental (Pty) Ltd to undertake a Section 24G rectification process as part of activities associated with an abattoir on Portion 28 of the farm Graslaagte 37 IP, Ditsobotla Local Municipality, North West Province. The purpose of this document is to supply the North West Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism (NWDEDECT) with the requested information for the Section 24G rectification application (file reference: 16/18/7-74),

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In an Interim Comment issued on 12/09/2021 (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/582589>), SAHRA noted that the proposed development has the potential to impact negatively on heritage resources and that a Heritage Impact Assessment including both the Archaeological and Palaeontological Components be undertaken. It was further stated that the report should include the assessment of any other heritage resources as defined in section 3 of the NHRA (25 of 1999). Since the issuing of the Interim Comment a letter has been submitted in response to the comment.

Delport, C. December 2021. Response to Interim Comment Issued In Terms of Section 38(3) of the NHRA (Act 25 of 1999) on the S24G Rectification Application for the Henwil Chickens (Pty) Ltd (CaseID: 16876).

It is stated in the letter that the proposed expansion activities for the proposed rectification application will take place on existing foundation structures constructed in 2003. Therefore, the proposed expansion area is already disturbed and that it not likely that the proposed activities will have an impact on heritage resources.

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The SAHRA APM Unit acknowledges receipt your S24G rectification application and request that the following is undertaken in terms of section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (25 of 1999) (NHRA) as part of the 24G application process.

As per section 24G(1)(vii)(bb) of NEMA, a report containing "an assessment of the nature, extent, duration and significance of the consequences for or impacts on the environment of the activity, including the cumulative effects and manner in which the...cultural aspects of the environment may be affected by the proposed activity" must be compiled.

As such, an assessment of how the development may have possibly impacted negatively on heritage and/or cultural resources must be conducted, and therefore a heritage impact assessment must be conducted. A desktop-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 proposed development is largely located in an area of moderate palaeosensitivity to the east and a small portion of low palaeosensitivity to the west as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. Therefore, a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be undertaken to assess the potential impact of the development of Palaeo-Heritage. 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 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, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed.

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Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above and the S24G report.

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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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