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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: Nala Local Municipality

Development of a township establishment, which includes formalization of the existing informal settlement located on Portion of the Farm Oranjevlei 174, Wesselsbron within the jurisdiction of Nala Local Municipality.

NSVT Consultants has been appointed by Vexocom (Pty) Ltd to undertake the Environmental Authorisation application for the rectification and continuation process which includes the formalisation of the Khalinkomo Informal Settlement located on Portion of the Farm Oranjevlei 174, Wesselsbron within the jurisdiction of Nala Local Municipality, Free State Province.

A draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was submitted in terms of the section 24G (1) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (as amended) ("NEMA"). The clearance of approximately 20.5 hectares of indigenous vegetation and construction of latrines and internal roads along with temporary communal water standpipes was done before an EA was obtained.

The total development footprint for the proposed Khalinkomo township establishment is 102.59 hectares and 1476 residential units will be constructed. The proposed development includes grading of internal roads along with excavations for laying of sewer and water pipelines.

Pelser, A.J. 2020. Phase 1 HIA Report For The Proposed Khalinkomo Township Development Located On A Portion Of Oranjevlei 174 In Wesselsbron/Monyakeng, Free State Province

As indicated earlier no sites, features or material of cultural heritage (archaeological and/or historical) origin or significance were identified in the study area during the physical 16 assessment. If any did exist here in the past it would have been largely disturbed or destroyed by earlier farming activities and recent informal and more formal residential settlement. It is recommended that the development be allowed to continue.

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The SAHRA APM unit notes that the Heritage Impact Assessment along with its recommendation. It is noted

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however that the report does not contain a tracklog of the survey. The Study area is also of High and moderate palaeontological sensitivity as per the PalaeoSensitivity Map on SAHRIS therefore a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) is required.

The HIA must be amended to include the tracklog of the survey. The desktop PIA report must be attached to the case as well before further comments are issued.

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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1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.