Mooiland 24 JT Falls Fish Farm

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Letter

In terms of Section of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mr Dee Malcomess Falls Fish Farms PO Box 118 Schagen

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Proposed Building sites on the farm Mooiland 294 JT, (Falls Fish Farm) Schoemanskloof.

Van Wyk Rowe, C. may 2012. SPECIALIST REPORT FOR PROPOSED BUILDING SITES ON THE FARM MOOILAND 294 JT, (FALLS FISH FARM) SCHOEMANSKLOOF MPUMALANGA PROVince

An Archaeological Impact Assessment was undertaken for the proposed development of holiday stands on the farm Mooiland 294JT, Mpumalanga Province. SAHRA APM Unit commented on this report in 2011 and made the following recommendations:

- None of the archaeological sites identified must be disturbed during and after development. A
 professional archaeologist of good standing must monitor construction activities. If any evidence of
 archaeological sites or artefacts, or other heritage resources are found during construction activities;
 and if the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological/palaeontological
 significance, then a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary at the cost of the developer.
- If any of the identified archaeological resources will be disturbed then appropriate Phase 2 Mitigation Impact Assessment must be conducted. This must include detail site investigations, site mapping, site photographs, and test excavations where deemed necessary. The responsible specialist must also apply for a mitigation permit in terms of section 35 of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA, Act no 25 of 1999). Further recommendation may be made on submission of the phase 2 permit report.
- Since it was indicated that none of the archaeological resources will be impacted and that the land owner wishes to conserve the sites, a Conservation Management Plan must be compiled and submitted to the APM Unit for approval. This document must indicate what measures will be undertaken to secure the future conservation of the archaeological sites.

An archaeologist was consulted in the site selection of the ten residential stands. The specialist indicated no fatal flaws and indicated that none of the stands will impact on the Iron Age sites.

Decision



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SAHRA APM Unit has no objection to the proposed development and is satisfied with the report that was submitted. However, due to the number of Late Iron Sites that is present on the property SAHRA APM Unit requires:

- A conservation management plan must be compiled and submitted. This is important because the area will be used for tourism purposes; the sites must also be properly mapped to scale and described in detail.
- It is important that an archaeologist be present during construction activities and vegetation clearing. If this is not possible than the site supervisor/contractor must receive training in the identification of archaeological resources most likely present in the area.
- If any previously unidentified archaeological resources are found during construction activities SAHRA APM Unit (Mrs Colette Scheermeyer/Mr Phillip Hine, tel. 021 462 4502) or an archaeologist must be alerted immediately. If the newly found heritage resource is regarded as significance a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

Phillip Hine

Heritage Officer



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Colette Scheermeyer SAHRA Head Archaeologist South African Heritage Resources Agency

ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: http://www.sahra.org.za/node/92464

Terms & Conditions:

- 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.

