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Dear Madam,

**Application for Environmental Authorisation: Expansion of the Rondolog
Sawmill situated on Portion 10 of the farm Sprinbokkraal 434 IT, Mpumalanga**

Thank you for your indication that development is to take place in this area.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. This means that before such sites are disturbed by development it is incumbent on the developer (or mine) to ensure that a **Heritage Impact Assessment** is done. This must include the archaeological component (Phase 1) and any other applicable heritage components. Appropriate (Phase 2) mitigation, which involves recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed, must be done as required.

However, it is noted in the application that the area where the proposed development will take place has been disturbed by previous developments. It is therefore not necessary for an HIA to be conducted, since it is unlikely that any heritage resources will be identified on the affected property.

If any evidence of archaeological sites or artefacts, or other heritage resources are found during construction activities, the SAHRA APM Unit (**Mrs. Colette Scheermeyer, Mr. Phillip Hine, tel: 021-462 4502**), must be alerted immediately, and a professional archaeologist/palaeontologist must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings at the cost of the developer. 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.

Yours sincerely,



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Appendices: www.asapa.org.za for a list of CRM archaeologists
List of Palaeontologist