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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Rand West City Local Municipality

This application is for the construction of Badirile Extension Township on approximately 18,9 hectares of land. The said township will constitute of approximately 568 erven to be zoned “Residential 1”, one (1) erf to be used for public open space purposes, one (1) erf to be zoned “Business”, two (2) erven zoned “Community Facility” and one (1) erf to be zoned “Institutional”. The site is located on Portion 48 of the farm Brandvlei 261-IQ, Rand West Local Municipality, Gauteng Province.

Van Vollenhoven, A. September 2018. A Report On A Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment For The Proposed Badirile Extension Township Development, Close To Randburg, Gauteng Province

The proposed development entails a township of approximately 568 erven, and includes the construction of associated infrastructure, including access road, civil services (water, sewer and stormwater reticulation) and electricity.

The archaeological assessment revealed four sites of cultural heritage significance. Two of these are outside of the development and two, believed to be the same site, inside:

Site 1 (including site 3) – ruins of farm buildings has a negligible cultural significance. The author states that that the description in this phase 1 heritage report is seen as sufficient recording (low significance) and it may be granted destruction at the discretion of the relevant heritage authority.

Sites 2 and 4: Graves approximately 200 m from the development.

The SA Palaeontological Sensitivity Map indicates that the study area has Moderate fossil sensitivity. No palaeontological assessment is attached to this case.

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In terms of archaeological heritage, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has no objections to this proposed development, provided that the recommendations in the specialist report and this



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comment are adhered to, and on the following conditions:

- If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments and charcoal/ash concentrations) or palaeontological remains are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA must be alerted immediately, and a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, based on the nature of the finds, must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of significance a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.

In terms of palaeontological heritage, the SA Palaeontological Sensitivity Map indicates that the study area has Moderate fossil sensitivity, therefore a palaeontological desktop study is required. Once this study has been submitted, SAHRA will be able to provide further comments.

In terms of the two recorded grave sites, a secondary impact due to the development activities is foreseen and therefore it is required to fence the graves in and have a management plan drafted for the sustainable preservation thereof. If any unmarked human burials are uncovered and the archaeologist called in to inspect the finds and/or the police find them to be heritage graves, mitigation may be necessary and the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit must be contacted for processes to follow (Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490).

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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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/534136>

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.