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Interim Comment

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

Attention: HCAC Heritage Consultants

Germiston Cemetery Heritage Baseline Report

Van der Walt, J. May 2021. Heritage Baseline Report Germiston Cemetery

The proposed development entails a cemetery, located on Portion 274 (A Portion of Portion 2) of the farm Driefontein 87- IR, within the City of Ekurhuleni, Gauteng Province.

The assessment revealed that:

The study area is characterised by a reworked mine dump dating from the 1930's and therefore protected by heritage legislation.

The remains of historical refuse middens are located towards the western border of the study area, with historical artefacts dating to between 1890 and 1910.

The occurrence of Chinese and native cemeteries that have been buried underneath dumps like these at other historical gold mines in the area needs to be noted.

The author recommends that:

The study area should be subjected to a full HIA prior to development including the following aspects:
Determining the possible occurrences of mine worker graves through a site visit based on the results of an archival study.

Investigation into permit requirements from SAHRA and phase 2 mitigation of the historical artefacts.

Development of a comprehensive chance find procedure.

The SA Palaeontological Sensitivity Map indicates that the study area has Low fossil sensitivity.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit supports the recommendations of the author that the study area should be subjected to a full Heritage Impact Assessment prior to development. Once this study has been submitted, SAHRA will be able to provide further comments.



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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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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.