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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Ryn Gold Money CC

Ryn Gold Money CC proposes a new Residential Development on Portion 483 of the Farm Hartebeesthoek 303 JR.

Pelser, A. February 2020. Motivation For Exemption From Full Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment – Proposed Township Establishment On Portion 483 Of Hartebeesthoek 303JR, Pretoria North, City Of Tshwane

The proposed development entails a residential township establishment on Portion 438 of the farm Hartebeesthoek 303JR. The proposed development and study area are located near Amandasig in Pretoria North, City of Tshwane.

The author notes that the study area is surrounded by already established and on-going residential and other urban developments. Although the study area footprint is relatively large, only a smaller section is earmarked for the actual township establishment. Environmentally sensitive areas such as the ridges will be avoided as indicated on the Draft Township Layout Plan provided by the client. The area would have been utilized in the historical past for agricultural purposes, while recent urban developments would also have impacted on any archaeological and/or historical sites, features or material that might have been present in the area. Aerial images of the area also shows the relative flat, open and disturbed nature of the area and the likelihood of any sites, features or material of cultural heritage significance being present, is slim. The author recommends that exemption from a full Phase 1 Archaeological Heritage Impact Assessment for the proposed Township Establishment on Portion 483 of Hartebeesthoek 303JR be granted.

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

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In terms of palaeontological heritage, the SA Palaeontological Sensitivity Map indicates that the study area has High fossil sensitivity, therefore a palaeontological desktop study is required and based on the outcome of

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the desktop study, a field assessment is likely

Considering the evidence provided, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit grants exemption to this project from having to undertake further archaeological heritage assessments, on condition that:

- A chance find procedure for archaeological materials is implemented.
- The recommendations in the letter of exemption and this comment are adhered to.
- 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) are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA must be alerted immediately, and a professional archaeologist must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological significance a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.

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.