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## Interim Comment

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

Attention: LEAP - Landscape Architect Environmental Planner

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### THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A MIXED-USE RESIDENTIAL TOWNSHIP ON THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 62 OF THE FARM WITPOORTJIE 117 IR IN BRAKPAN KNOWN AS HELDERWYK WITHIN THE CITY OF EKURHULENI, GAUTENG PROVINCE

**Van der Walt, J. October 2018. Heritage Impact Assessment For The Proposed Establishment Of A Mixed-Use Residential Township On The Remainder Of Portion 62 Of The Farm Witpoortjie 117 IR In Brakpan Known As Helderwyk Within The City Of Ekurhuleni, Gauteng Province**

The proposed development entails a mixed-use residential township and associated infrastructure.

The archaeological assessment revealed 11 archaeological heritage resources, along with listed recommendations, within the study area:

Witp 1: Small Dry pan with Stone Age Artefacts - Retain Stone Age Artefacts in situ

Witp 2 Two circular features with sandstone blocks, carved sandstone, slag, metal and blowpipe elements - Assessment by an industrial archaeologist prior to construction.

Witp 3 More circular sandstone features containing metal, slag and blowpipe features. Linear sandstone wall foundations. - Assessment by an industrial archaeologist prior to construction.

Witp 4 Thicket of eucalyptus trees containing more carved sandstone blocks, blowpipe elements, slag and metal artefacts - Assessment by an industrial archaeologist prior to construction.

Witp 5 Large dry pan towards the centre of the survey area with multiple locations where stone cores, tools and flakes were identified - Retain Stone Age Artefacts in situ

Witp 6 Stone tools found near the side of a gravel road on the edge of a smaller pan - Retain Stone Age Artefacts in situ.

Witp 7 Graveyard containing 50+ graves - Graves should be retained in situ if this is not possible as a last resort the graves can be relocated adhering to legal requirements.

Witp 8 Rock outcrop with LSA - Retain Stone Age Artefacts in situ.



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Witp 9 Stone cairns X3 - It should be confirmed whether the stone cairns identified represent graves. If the features are confirmed to be graves the graves should be retained in situ. If the features relate to clearing activities they are of no importance and no further action is required.

Witp 10 Ruin - No mitigation is required; however, the site should be monitored during construction as sites like these are known to contain unmarked graves.

Witp 11 Stone Cairns X5 - It should be confirmed whether the stone cairns identified represent graves. If the features are confirmed to be graves the graves should be retained in situ. If the features relate to clearing activities they are of no importance and no further action is required.

The author also recommends:

Implementation of a chance find procedure.

An independent paleontological assessment should be conducted prior to development.

The SA Palaeontological Sensitivity Map indicates that the study area has a combination Moderate and Very 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 a combination of Moderate and Very High fossil sensitivity, therefore a palaeontological assessment and protocol for finds is required. Once this assessment has been submitted, SAHRA will be able to provide further comments.

In terms of archaeology, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit supports the findings and recommendations of the specialist report.

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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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/543209>

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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.