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Final Comment

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

Attention: Bokamoso Landscape Architects and Environmental Consultants CC

Balwin Properties (Pty) Ltd on behalf of the Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport (GDRT) plans to construct and upgrade the K50 (Garsfontein Road) approximately 8.2km.

Pelser, A. October 2020. A Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment & Report For The Proposed M30/K50 (Garsfontein Road) Upgrade On Portions Of The Farms Garstfontein 374JR & Rietfontein 375JR Tshwane Metropolitan Area, Gauteng

The proposed development entails upgrading of the M30/K50 (Garsfontein Road) in Gauteng Province. The author notes that no sites of archaeological cultural heritage significance were identified within the project study area.

Butler, E. October 2020. Palaeontological Desktop Assessment For The Proposed M30/K50 (Garsfontein Road) Upgrade, Gauteng Province

The author notes that the proposed development is in the Transvaal Basin and is underlain by the Timeball Hill and Hekpoort Formations (Pretoria Group, Transvaal Supergroup) as well as unfossiliferous diabase. As the M30/K50 (Garsfontein Road) Upgrade will be within the existing road reserve it will not lead to detrimental impacts on the palaeontological heritage of the area. The author also recommends that, if fossil remains are discovered during any phase of construction, either on the surface or exposed by excavations, the Chance Find Protocol must be implemented by the Environmental Control Officer in charge of the project.

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In terms of archaeological and palaeontological heritage, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has no objections to this proposed development, provided that the recommendations in the specialist reports and this comment are adhered to, and in addition, 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

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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.

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.

Should the project be granted Environmental Authorisation, SAHRA must be notified and all relevant documents submitted to the case on SAHRIS.

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.