Proposed Ridge Road Upgrade

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

Attention: Tebogo Malesane

CNR CR Swart Drive and Pretoria Road, Kempton Park, 1620

The project entails the upgrade of Ridge Road, from a single carriageway to a dual carriage way and installation associated stormwater. The total estimated length of the route is approximately 4 km. Upgrading of the route from a single carriageway to a dual carriageway with a road reserve of 30m. • The route will have two lanes per direction (each lane will be approximately 3.5m) and eight signalised intersections with signalised pedestrian crossing facilities. • There will be left in – left out accesses to minor developments and five partial accesses. • A midblock break (1) in the median to cater for u-turn manoeuvres. • Protected right turn phases at signalised intersections to cater for u-turn manoeuvres. • Pedestrian walkway (2m wide) on both sides and lay-by facilities at the major intersections. • Installation/construction of a storm water system on the upgraded road.

Matoho, E. June 2020. Phase1: Archaeological Impact Assessment Relating To The Proposed Doubling Of Ridge Road (Between Atlas Road And Rondebult Road) 7.170 Km Road Widening And Upgrade Near Boksburg, City Of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province, South Africa

The proposed development entails a road upgrade project has been earmarked to strengthen and curb traffic congestions caused by the intensification of road carriage activities on the Ridge road single carriage way.

The author states that the proposed road upgrade is scheduled to take place on already heavily impacted section of a tarred road which transverse through built-up areas, previous farm sections represented by pockets of Eucalyptus trees, whilst road reserves are dominated by underground sewerage pipelines, stormwater drainage systems, telecommunications and powerlines cables. The assessment yielded no significant archaeological heritage resources.

The SA Palaeontological Sensitivity Map indicates that a significant section of the study area has Moderate 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 a significant section of the study area has Moderate fossil sensitivity, therefore a palaeontological desktop study 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, providing that an archaeological chance finds procedure is included in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr), and that a qualified archaeologist should be contacted whenever uncertainty regarding potential heritage remains are encountered.

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.