# Desktop HIA for the proposed Superchicks Hachery and Poultry Farm on Krokodilspruit 290JR

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### **Final Comment**

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

Attention: Mr Frans Roodt

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Heritage Impact Assessment. A Desktop Study and Recommendation for exemption from a Full Heritage Impact Assessment. Proposed Development by Superchicks Hatchery (Pty) Ltd for Poultry Farming and Hatchery on Remaining Portion 4 (Portion of Portion 3) of the Farm Krokodilspruit 290JR farm within the Jurisdiction of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, Cullinan in Gauteng Province.

Roodt, F. February 2021. Heritage Impact Assessment A Desktop Study And Recommendation For Exemption From A Full Heritage Impact Assessment Proposed Development By Superchicks Hatchery (Pty) Ltd For Poultry Farming And Hatchery On Remaining Portion 4 (Portion Of Portion 3) Of The Farm Krokodilspruit 290 JR Farm Within The Jurisdiction Of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, Cullinan In Gauteng Province

The proposed project entails the development of a poultry farm and hatchery project, and will include: The construction of 4 hatchery houses (15m x 100m) of 1500m2 per house.

The construction of 3 layer houses ( $15m \times 100m$ ) of 1500m2 per house together with its feeding silos. The construction of showers, bathrooms, offices, kitchen and storage rooms which will be of 9000m2. The development will also have a temporary waste storage/skip bin area which will be of 650m2. development footprint will be  $20 \times 150m2$ .

The author notes that a burial site is located on the south-western corner of the property adjacent to the boundary fence. The site consists of seven individual graves of the Mabena family, most probably farm workers on the parent farm. This site does not fall within the development footprint and will not be affected.

The author motivates for exemption of a full heritage impact assessment as follows:

All of the project footprint area had been ploughed in the past. Any heritage material, such as possible Stone Age remains that may be present will be out of context and thus low in significance.

The area is not known for any specific Iron Age archaeology.

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The parent farm has been sub-divided into many smaller units and the historical landscape no longer exists. The application fits in with the general agricultural activities of the landscape.

# Fourie, H. February 2021. Remaining Extent Portion4 (Portion of Portion 3) Krokodilspruit 290-JR Palaeontological Impact Assessment: Desktop Study

The author notes that the potential impact of the development on fossil heritage is LOW and therefore a Phase 1: Field Survey is not necessary for this development. 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.

#### **Final Comment**

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

- Chance find procedures for archaeological and palaeontological materials are 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), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA must be alerted immediately, and a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending 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 archaeological or palaeontological 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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Direct URL to case: https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/556031

## Terms & Conditions:

- 1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
- $2. If any heritage \ resources, including \ graves \ or \ human \ remains, \ are \ encountered \ they \ must \ be \ reported \ to \ SAHRA \ immediately.$

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3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.