### **Zand Plaats Rezoning Application**

Our Ref: 9/2/038/0001

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#### Letter

# In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mr Louis De Villiers Eko Environmental Suite 158 Private Bag X01 Brandhof 9324

## Transformation of undeveloped, vacant or derelict land to residential or industrial use

Thank you for your indication that rezoning is to take place in this area.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. This means that before such sites are disturbed by development it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment is done. This must include the archaeological component (Phase 1) and any other applicable heritage components. Appropriate (Phase 2) mitigation, which involves recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed, must be done as required.

#### **Case Decision:**

According to the information provided on this development included in the letter of notification, it is clear that no significant impacts on heritage resources will result from the rezoning of this portion of land.

Consequently, SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology & Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objection to the proposed activities on the condition that if any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, marine shell and charcoal/ash concentrations), unmarked human burials, fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during related activities, SAHRA APM Unit (Katie Smuts/Colette Scheermeyer 021 462 4502) must be alerted immediately, and a professional archaeologist and/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.

This exemption is only valid for the rezoning phase of this application. Should a development phase be implemented, a full Heritage Impact Assessment, inclusive of an Archaeological and a Palaeontological Impact Assessment, will be required.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.



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### Yours faithfully

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South African Heritage Resources Agency

Colette Scheermeyer

SAHRA Head Archaeologist

South African Heritage Resources Agency

## ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: http://www.sahra.org.za/node/118603

#### 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.

