



## Final Comment

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

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### Proposed development of Leithlo Resort and Entertainment World, Erf 5041 (Portion of Erf 1) Kuruman

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Group 1 (North) (Pty) Ltd is proposing the development of the Leithlo Resort and Entertainment World south of the N14 between Kuruman and Kathu. The development will entail the construction of a casino, a hotel, conference facilities, and entertainment centre and water theme park. A 4km overhead power line will connect the facility to the Eskom grid. The combined footprint of the development will be approximately 1.21 ha. The proposed site is flat and lies in a region of Kalahari Bushveld vegetation; several large thorn trees occupy the centre of the site. The alternative proposed use for the site is a steel factory.

The archaeologist makes note of the presence of such important archaeological sites in the region as Wonderwerk Cave, the Kathu Pan and Townlands sites, which all contain highly significant quantities of MSA material, and the pigment mines at Tsantsabane and Doornfontein, which contain LSA material. The area was explored by white settlers from the early 1800s and is home to the Moffat Mission Station, established in the 1820s. Many of the early farmhouses are excellent examples of frontier vernacular architecture, built in hand hewn limestone. Manganese mining has been the predominant industry in the area for many years, with the mine at Black Rock the oldest.

The field survey yielded no heritage resources. No palaeontological assessment was conducted.

#### Case Decision:

SAHRA requires that:

- A professional Palaeontological Desk Top study is undertaken to assess whether or not the development will impact upon palaeontological resources. If this is deemed unnecessary, a letter of recommendation for exemption from a professional Palaeontologist is needed. If the area is deemed sensitive, a full Phase 1 Palaeontological Impact Assessment will be required and if necessary a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary (see [www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za](http://www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za) for a list of professional Palaeontologists). The palaeontological assessment must be submitted to SAHRA APM Unit for comment before the development may proceed.





As there is apparently no evidence of any significant archaeological material in this area, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has no objection to the development (in terms of the archaeological component of the heritage resources) on condition that, if any new evidence of archaeological sites or artefacts, graves or other heritage resources are found during development, construction or mining, SAHRA and an archaeologist must be alerted immediately.

Decisions on Built Environment (e.g. structures over 60 years) and associated Living Heritage (e.g. sacred sites) must be made by the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority of the Northern Cape (**Mr. Andrew Timothy, email: [ratha.timothy@gmail.com](mailto:ratha.timothy@gmail.com)**) to whom this Archaeological Review Comment will be copied.

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:

#### 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.

