



Final Comment

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

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Proposed Township Establishments: Tshing Extension 8 on a portion of the remaining extent of Portion 3 (a portion of Portion 1) of the Farm Doornpan no 193-IP Ventersdorp Extension 11 on a portion of the remaining extent of Portion 25 (a portion of Portion 8) of the Farm Roodepoort no 191-IP Ventersdorp Extension 12 on a portion of the remaining extent of Portion 25 (a portion of Portion 8) of the Farm Roodepoort no 191-IP

Kusel, U. August 2011. *Cultural Heritage Resources Impact Assessment of the Farm Roodepoort 191 IP, Ventersdorp North West Province*

The Ventersdorp Local Municipality has proposed the development of low cost housing and associated infrastructure to the west of Tshing Extension 5 in the Ventersdorp area. The land earmarked for development consists of 6 parcels of land, totalling 94 ha, incorporating four portions of the Remaining Extent of Portion 25 (a Portion of Portion 8) of Farm Roodepoort 191 IP, Erven 893 to 904 of Ventersdorp Extension 10 and a Portion of the Remaining Extent of Portion 3 (a Portion of Portion 1) of the Farm Doornpan 193 IP. These developments will be Tshing Extension 8, on Doornpan, Ventersdorp Extension 11 and Ventersdorp Extension 12, on Roodepoort. The developments will consist of a cumulative total of 943 residential stands, together with associated infrastructure such as creche facilities, churches and parks.

Background research by the archaeologist indicated that Ventersdorp was founded in 1866. Consultation of a single archaeological database (National Museum of Cultural History) yielded no sites in the area and the SAHRA database was not consulted. The author conducted a site visit, investigating the properties that are to be developed. No heritage resources were identified on any of the sites, which were all badly disturbed by foot paths and illegal dumping. A disused municipal swimming pool from the 1940s was identified, but as this falls outside the development footprint, it will not be impacted.

No palaeontological assessment of the proposed sites was conducted, however the geotechnical investigation concluded that Tshing Extension 8 and Ventersdorp Extension 11 are both underlain by Platberg Group rocks of the Ventersdorp Supergroup (Rietgat and Makwassie Formations respectively). Ventersdorp Extension 12 is underlain by Hospital Hill Formation rock of the West Rand Group (Witwatersrand Supergroup).

SAHRA requests that:



Tshing and Ventersdorp Extensions

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- A palaeontological desktop assessment should be compiled for the project and submitted for comment. If it is the opinion of a qualified palaeontologist that the development will not impact on significant palaeontological resources, then a Letter of Exemption from the specialist can be submitted to SAHRA.

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 and/or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be alerted immediately.

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.



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