



## Final Comment

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

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### PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON PORTIONS 65 AND 501 OF THE FARM WATERKLOOF 305 JQ CLOSE TO RUSTENBURG, NORTH WEST PROVINCE

Van Vollenhoven, A. October 2012. *A Report on a Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment for a Proposed Housing Development on Portions 65 and 501 of the Farm Waterkloof 305 JQ close to Rustenburg, North West Province*

Sunbird Development and Buxtehude Trust have proposed the establishment of a housing development on Portions 65 and 501 of the Farm Waterkloof 305JQ, near Rustenburg in the North West Province. The development will entail residential units, internal and access roads, amenities and bulk service infrastructure, occupying just less than 70ha of land; the layout of the development is yet to be determined. The receiving environment is largely used for farming and no alternative site location has been proposed.

The heritage report comprised a literature survey and a field survey. The literature survey indicated that a Later Stone Age rock art site is known to the northeast of the site and that the area probably provided good hunting grounds during the Stone Age. Iron Age sites are common in the area, yielding evidence of both pre- and post-Mfecane populations. Historically, travellers first passed through the area in the 1820s, followed by the Voortrekkers in 1837. Three battles were fought in the region during the South African War.

The field survey identified several outbuildings on the property, of which only a single, much altered outbuilding is thought to be greater than 60 years old (Site 1). No other heritage resources were identified on the site.

No palaeontological assessment was conducted, however the area is largely underlain by unfossiliferous rocks of the Rustenburg Suite, which is of low palaeontological sensitivity.

### Case Decision:

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 and palaeontological components of the heritage resources) on condition that, if any new evidence of archaeological sites or artefacts, palaeontological fossils, 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.

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. Mothlabane Mosiane**, email: [mosianem@nwpg.gov.za](mailto:mosianem@nwpg.gov.za)) 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.

