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Letter

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

Attention: Mr Rian Beukes

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APPLICATION FOR A LAND DEVELOPMENT AREA ON A PORTION OF PORTION 29 (PTN OF PTN 28) OF THE FARM WELVERDIEND 24JS, ELIAS MOTSOLEDI MUNICIPALITY, IN TERMS OF CHAPTER 5 OF THE DEVELOPMENT FACILITATION ACT, ACT 67 OF 1995: WELVERDIEND FILLING STATION

Thank you for your indication that development 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 (or mine) 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.

Decision:

The Phase 1 Impact Assessment Report will identify the archaeological sites and assess their significance. It should also make recommendations (as indicated in section 38) about the process to be followed. For example, there may need to be a mitigation phase (Phase 2) where the specialist will collect or excavate material and date the site. At the end of the process the heritage authority may give permission for destruction of the sites.

The developer must ensure that a Palaeontological study is undertaken to assess whether or not the development will impact upon palaeontological resources - or at least a letter of exemption from a Palaeontologist is needed to indicate that this is unnecessary. 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.

Any other heritage resources that may be impacted such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed.

Please visit www.asapa.org.za and www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za for specialists that may be contacted to conduct the necessary studies.



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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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