

Final Comment

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

Attention: Maquassi Hills Local Municipality
19 Kruger Street
Wolmaransstad
2630

Township Establishment of the proposed township township Wolmaransstad Extension 16 on a portion of the Remaining Extent of Portion 2 of the farm Wolmaransstad Town and Townlands No. 184-HO comprising 20 "Residential 1" erven on 2,4140 hectares for the Maquassi Hills Local Municipality, North West Province.

A. Pelsler, February 2014. Phase 1 HIA Report For The Proposed Subdivision Of The Remaining Extent Of Portion 2 Of The Farm Wolmaranstad Town And Townlands 184HO, Wolmaranstad, Northwest Province.

The Maquassi Hills Local Municipality is proposing the establishment of a township on a portion of the remaining extent of portion 2 of the farm Wolmaranstad Town and Townlands No. 184HO covering a total of 16 erven and 2 ha. The township is expected to provide Wolmansstrad with middle-high income residential options.

The archaeologist undertook a site survey and did not identify any archaeological resources on site, however the author also mentioned that the visibility was hampered by dense grass cover and by heavy rains. It is noticeable that that report does not include any GPS track paths.

It is also noted that no palaeontological impact assessment was undertaken and no information regarding the palaeontology of the site is included either in the Memorandum or in the Heritage Impact Assessment. SAHRA would like to remind that in future this information must be included in the assessment. Use of the palaeosensitivity maps of SAHRA is strongly encouraged in this regard. According to the Memorandum the area is geologically underlain by the Rietgat Formation, Platberg Group, Ventersdorp Supergroup, with a low-to-moderate palaeontological significance. As such no palaeontological studies are required, but a protocol for finds must be included in the Environmental Management Plan for the project.

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

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:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/169868>

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.

