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Final Decision

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

Attention: METHALE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING

Proposed Boipatong Community Library

Van der Walt, J. February 2017. Notification Of Intent To Develop For The Proposed Boipatong Community Library, Gauteng Province

Rossouw, L. February 2017. Exemption from Phase 1 Palaeontological Impact Assessment: Boipatong Community Library, Portion 9 of Erf 1993, Boipatong, Emfuleni Local Municipality, Gauteng Province

The proposed development entails construction of a new community library on an area covering less than 5000 square metres in Boipatong.

The archaeological notes that no heritages related sites or features are known to exist within the study area and the project does not warrant a full Phase 1 study as no in-situ archaeological material, cultural heritage sites, historic structures or burial grounds are likely to be present on the affected landscape, due to significant disturbance caused by developments in the area.

The palaeontological assessment notes that potential palaeontological impact resulting from the proposed project is regarded as low because of the low topography terrain that is capped and buffered by palaeontologically insignificant superficial overburden as well as the size and scale of excavations over a relatively small impact area.

Final Comment

Considering the evidence provided, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit grants exemption to this project from having to undertake further heritage assessments, on condition that:

- The recommendations in the letter of exemption and this comment are adhered to.
- If any 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), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA must be alerted

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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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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/397636>

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.