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

Attention: Cosyspro

Cosyspro (Pty) Ltd (the applicant) appointed Texture Environmental Consultants as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the proposed development of Eldorette Extension 54. An application for environmental authorisation was submitted to the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD). The GDARD requires a Basic Assessment for this project. The Basic Assessment will conform to the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 and to the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations as amended. The Basic Assessment will provide information about the proposed Eldorette Extension 54, and its scope is restricted to this component of the project. The study site is located on Holding 42 in the Heatherdale Agricultural Holdings, on the corner of Main street and First Avenue, on the northern side of Akasia High School in the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province.

Pretorius, R. July 2018. Letter For HIA Exemption Request: Eldorette X 54, City Of Tshwane, Gauteng Province

The proposed development entails the construction of Eldorette Extension 54 Township on approximately 2.1883 hectares of land. The township will constitute forty-seven erven to be zoned "Residential 1", one erf to be used for open space purposes and one erf to be used for private roads and access purposes. The proposal includes the construction of associated infrastructure, including access road and civil services.

The author states that the development area deserves exemption from further heritage assessments due to:

The entire site is disturbed and consists of landscaped gardens, lawns, areas with rubble and buildings. No natural vegetation is present on the site – impacted because of landscaping. A few small trees in the area are thorn trees, mainly a result of disturbance and are regarded as regrowth. Other trees are alien species and therefore also the result of disturbance.

The buildings on the property is younger than 60 years or temporary structures, and have no heritage significance.

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The SA Palaeontological Sensitivity Map indicates that the study area has Insignificant fossil sensitivity.

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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 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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Heritage Officer: Archaeology

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### ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: http://www.sahra.org.za/node/514300

### 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.