

**PROPOSED UPGRADING OF FIRST NATIONAL BANK'S DATA CENTRE IN  
RANDBURG, CITY OF JOHANNESBURG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY,  
GAUTENG PROVINCE**

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## **Final Comment**

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

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**Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) has been appointed by First National Bank of Southern Africa Limited (the Applicant) (hereafter referred to as First National Bank, FNB) to apply for Environmental Authorization (EA) from the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) for the proposed upgrading of FNB's Data Centre. The proposed site is located at 288 Pretoria Avenue within the suburb of Ferndale in Randburg, which is part of the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality in Gauteng Province.**

The proposed project entails an upgrade to the First National Bank Data Centre in Randburg to allow for increased Information Technology capacity and includes the installation of eight generators to provide electricity for the operation of the upgraded facility with a total combined capacity of approximately 15 megawatts; and Storage of diesel comprising eight tanks in total.

The study area has already been intensively developed.

### **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:

- 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

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Yours faithfully

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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/182544>

**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.