# Proposed Frakenwald Mixed-Use Urban Estate on Portion 5 of the Farm Bergvalei 37 I.R., within the City of Joburg (CoJ)

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### **Final Comment**

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

Attention: Frankenwald Developmnet (Pty) Ltd

Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment for the Frankenwald Development Johannesburg North Magisterial District, City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province

Küsel, U. & Küsel, S. July 2020. Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment for the Frankenwald Development Johannesburg North Magisterial District, City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province

The proposed development entails a mixed-use development that will comprise residential, commercial, business, industrial and ancillary uses.

The authors note that, during the assessment it emerged that all former structures have been removed and today little more than foundations remain. Where foundations do remain, it is also clear that the former structures were frequently altered and changed, added to or sections demolished as use changed over time. The remaining foundations are thus deemed of no heritage value. The only features present on site that are of significance is the formal workers' cemetery. This cemetery formerly was at the end of a tree lane. It is severely overgrown but possibly contain 10—15 graves, both formal and informal.

The authors recommend that the cemetery site must be cleaned and documented and appropriate mitigation proposed. The mitigation may include the exhumation and relocation of the graves to an existing cemetery or alternatively incorporated into the existing development where it can be incorporated into an open space or similar use.

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

#### **Final Comment**

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has no objections to this proposed development, provided that the recommendations in the specialist reports and this comment are adhered to, and in addition. on the following conditions:

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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) or palaeontological remains are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA must be alerted immediately, and a

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professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, based 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 significance a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.

If the cemetery site is to be preserved in situ, it must be surrounded with a buffer zone of 50 metres. If the site is to be mitigated via exhumation and relocation, this must be accompanied by the appropriate permits obtained from the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graved Unit.

Should the project be granted Environmental Authorisation, SAHRA must be notified and all relevant documents submitted to the case on SAHRIS.

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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#### 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.