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Final Comment

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

Attention: APelser Archaeological Consulting
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Report on a Phase 1 HIA on Portion 109 of the farm Witkoppen 194IQ (Longland Houses), near Fourways, Monte Casino Boulevard, Gauteng APAC013/13

Pelser, A. February 2013. First Report On A Phase 1 HIA Conducted On Portion 109 Of Witkoppen 194IQ (Longland Houses), Near Fourways, Monte Casino Boulevard Gauteng Province.

The proposed development entails the establishment of an Office Park and associated infrastructure on Portion 109 of the farm Witkoppen 194 IQ to be known as Magaliessig Extension 64. The study area is situated opposite the Monte Casino entertainment centre, close to Fourways in Gauteng.

A desktop study and site visit revealed that there are a number of structures located on the property, which according to oral testimony, were originally farmsteads and related buildings, although their use has changed over time. The original farmhouse with associated cottage were built around 1944/45, and burnt down in the 1990's, while a subsequent structure, which is currently a restaurant, was built around 1957.

The author states that the structures are not of high cultural significance and that there should be no objection to their demolition. However, the author notes that a Public Participation process still needs to be undertaken before a final decision is made on the issuing of a Demolition Permit relating to the structures present within the proposed development area.

Case Decision

As there is apparently no evidence of any significant archaeological material in this area, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has no objection to the development (in terms of the archaeological component of the heritage resources) on condition that, if any new evidence of archaeological sites or other heritage resources is found during development, SAHRA and an archaeologist must be alerted immediately.

If the proposed development will have an impact on bedrock, the developer must ensure that a professional palaeontological study is undertaken to assess whether or not the development will impact upon palaeontological resources. If this is deemed unnecessary, a letter of recommendation for exemption from a professional palaeontologist is required.

Please note that decisions and permits relating to the Built Environment features older than 60 years present within the study area must be obtained from the Gauteng Provincial Heritage Resources Authority.



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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/123971>

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.



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