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## Final Comment

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

Attention: City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality

#### **Proposed new JMPD office park on Kaalfontein Farm No 23IR portion 6 in Midrand within City of Johannesburg**

#### **Marais, L. Application For Exemption From Preparing A Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) For The Proposed New Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department Office Park On Kaalfontein Farm Farm No 23 IR Portion 6 In Midrand Within The City Of Johannesburg**

The proposed project entails construction of a three-storey building that would accommodate all the Licensing Departments operations as a consolidation effort for the Department operations as a consolidation for the Department to have all its business units operating from one building. The site is located on an 8.5-hectare agricultural holding. Proposed new business centre construction includes the following features:

- Basement: 860 square meters.
- Ground Floor: 1440 square meters.
- First Floor: 1300 square meters.
- Second floor: 1260 square meters.
- Drive through buildings: 216 square meters.
- Childcare centre: 107 square meters.
- Braai facilities: 260 square meters.
- Guard house: 14 square meters.

The author motivates for exemption of a full heritage impact assessment by noting that the described development is planned in an almost completely disturbed landscape. The entire study area has been altered by infrastructure development. The possibility of identifying heritage resources are extremely unlikely as anything that may have existed before, would not have survived. Therefore it is very unlikely that any archaeological or cultural historical site or occurrence will be disturbed.

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:

- A chance find procedure for archaeological materials is implemented.
- 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.

If any unmarked human burials are uncovered and the archaeologist called in to inspect the finds and/or the police find them to be heritage graves, mitigation may be necessary and the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit must be contacted for processes to follow.

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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**ADMIN:**

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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.