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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 - Housing

P.O Box 1049,
Braamfontein,
3017

Mofolo North Housing Development

Gaigher, S. April 2022. Mafolo North: Proposed Residential Development On The Remainder Of The Farm Soweto 387 IQ, Within The City Of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality In The Gauteng Province. Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) Report

Durand, F. April 2022. Housing development at Mofolo, Soweto, Johannesburg, Gauteng: Palaeontological Desktop Study

The proposed development entails a residential development and associated infrastructure.

The archaeological assessment revealed that the study area was found to be devoid of any heritage sites with significance and severely altered from the natural landscape.

The palaeontological assessment revealed that there is a moderate chance of finding stromatolite formations in the northern part of the study site, and recommends that the Environmental Control Officer should take responsibility for supervising the development and should follow the Chance Find Procedure set out in the report, if a significant fossil discovery is made.

Final Comment

In terms of archaeological and palaeontological heritage, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has no objections to this proposed development, provided that the recommendations in the above specialist reports and this comment are adhered to, and in addition, on the following conditions:

- A palaeontological Chance Find Protocol must be implemented by the Environmental Control Officer or site manager in charge of these developments.



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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 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 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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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.