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# **Final Comment**

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

Attention: Isquare Environmental Planning and GIS

## Montana X191 and 192, Gauteng Province

Van der Walt, J. December 2022. Heritage Impact Assessment For The Montana X191 & X192 Residential Township Development On Portions 590 & 591 On The Farm Hartebeestfontein 324-JR, City Of Tshwane, Gauteng Province

The proposed development entails a residential development and associated infrastructure.

The author notes that the Project area is situated on two portions marked by high levels of disturbance through the development of modern structures and associated activities, and the study area is considered to be of low heritage potential. This was confirmed during the field survey whereby no archaeological sites or artefacts of heritage significance were noted. Two large modern houses are situated within the study area, but as illustrated on the topographic maps, the structures are not older than 60 years and not of heritage significance. This also applies to the smaller structures and sheds scattered within the study area.

The author recommends the implementation of a Chance Find Procedure for the project.

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 set out in the specialist report and this comment are adhered to, and in addition. on the following conditions:

- 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

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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.

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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.