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Final Comment

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

Attention: Mr Robert Streak

Proposed New Eersterus X 15 Township Establishment and associated infrastructure on a Portion of the Remainder of the farm Bultfontein 107 JR, City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng. The proposed development will consist of the following land use areas: Residential 1, Residential 3, Residential 4, Business 2, Institutional, including Hospital, Educational, Industrial, Municipal, Public Open Space and Provincial Roads and Access Roads.

Pelser, A. February 2023. Amended Report For A Phase 1 HIA For Proposed Township Development On The Remainder Of The Farm Bultfontein 107JR Near Soshanguve, Greater Tshwane Municipal Area, Gauteng

The proposed development entails a township development and associated infrastructure.

The author notes that a number of Stone Age sites and occurrences were identified in the area during the field work. These sites are fairly significant from an archaeological point of view as not many of these open-air sites are known to exist in the larger area and therefore some mitigation measures will have to be implemented to record the Stone Age archaeology of the area before it is ultimately destroyed through both the quarrying of sand and activities related to the township development. The following mitigation measures are recommended:

- Mapping of the Stone Age sites and scatters of Stone Age material.
- Surface sampling of representative Stone Age material (stone tools) for curation in a Museum.
- A detailed report on the findings of the mapping and sampling to be submitted to SAHRA after obtaining an archaeological research permit.

The possible Bafokeng stone-walled sites recently identified in the study and development area will have to be mitigated during Phase 2 Archaeological work as well, should the proposed development impact on them. The following mitigation measures are recommended:

- Mapping of the Stone-walled sites that fall inside the development area 31.
- Limited archaeological excavation at these sites in order to recover cultural material to assist with interpreting and reconstructing their history and origin.
- A detailed report on the findings of the mapping and sampling to be submitted to SAHRA after obtaining



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an archaeological research permit.

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

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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 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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(GDARD, Ref: Gaut: 002/22-23/E3308)

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.