# Proposed township establishment situated on Portion 57, Benoni 77-IR, Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province

Our Ref: 5820

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## **Final Comment**

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

Attention: Mrs Alicia de Swardt

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Application is being made for the development of medium density residential flats with supportive land uses including business, institutional, crèche, community centre, parks and internal streets. The total extent of the property is 8.05 hectares. The site is affected by the Gautrans proposed K163 route and a reserve has been accommodated in the layout for this purpose along the western boundary.

Van Schalkwyk, J. May 2014. Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment For The Proposed Residential Development, Portion 57, Benoni 77IR, Ekurhuleni, Gauteng Province

The proposed development entails medium density residential flats with supporting land uses on Portion 57, Benoni 77IR, Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province.

The author states that the whole region was subjected to urbanization and mining activities which would have destroyed any pre-colonial or early colonial heritage features that might have occurred here in the past. No sites, features or objects of cultural heritage significance have been identified in the study area, and that there would be no impact as a result of the proposed development.

### **Final Comment**

Considering that no significant archaeological heritage resources occur within the study area ,the highly disturbed nature of the study area due to previous activities, and that the nature of the development is unlikely to impact on possible palaeontological heritage resources, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has no objections to this proposed development 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), 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.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.



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## Yours faithfully

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## **ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: http://www.sahra.org.za/node/166104 (GDARD, Ref: Gaut002/13-14/E0333)

### 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.

