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Final Comment

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

Attention: Rand Water

First phase heritage impact assessment for the proposed decommissioning of historic industrial machinery inside Engine Room no.1 and Boiler Houses no.1 and 2 as well as the alteration to the roof of Boiler House no. 1 and the demolition of Boiler House no. 2 on the Vereeniging property of Rand Water, Gauteng Province.

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The proposed development reflects a need by Rand Water (RW) to re-apply some of its historic buildings to modern use and entails the re-use the interior of Engine Room no.1 for office and other required space, while retaining one full set of the historic pumps in situ, as well as such historic machinery now seen as wall fixtures inside Engine Room no.1, that can possibly be preserved. RW proposes to re-use the interior of Boiler House no.1 for office and other required space, while retaining one full set of the historic boilers in situ, as well as such historic wall fixtures inside Boiler House no.1 that can be preserved. This building may be altered to suit requirements as well as the preservation of some machinery. RW proposes to completely decommission all equipment in Boiler House no 2, as well as the structure of Boiler House no 2.

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. Considering that no significant archaeological or palaeontological heritage resources occur within the study area ,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

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be of archaeological or palaeontological significance a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.

Please note that decisions relating to the disturbance or destruction of the Built Environment features mentioned in the assessment must be obtained from the Gauteng Provincial Heritage Resources Authority.

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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Heritage Officer: Archaeology
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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/162504>
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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.