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## **Interim Comment**

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

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#### **Sabi School Mitigation, Gauteng Province**

#### **Van der Walt, J. January 2017. ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED SABIS SCHOOL, GAUTENG PROVINCE**

#### **Fourie, H. January 2017. Palaeontological Impact Assessment: Desktop study- Proposed Sabis School - School development with related infrastructure**

The proposed development entails a school and related infrastructure on Portion 20 of the Farm Zwartkoppies 364 JR.

The archaeological assessment revealed 5 heritage features within the proposed development footprint. These consist of Late Iron Age (LIA) stone walled sites, middens and undecorated ceramics. The author notes that similarly several other LIA sites have been recorded on the farm Zwartkoppies, and recommends that, as several other sites dating to this period are found on the farm Zwartkoppies, the sites located within the Sabis School development is not unique and can be mitigated as follows:

Site 1 – 5: The preservation of the sites in situ is the preferred option. If this is not possible these sites will require archaeological mitigation prior to the construction phase where the sites will be mapped, and excavated before a destruction permit can be applied for. If the sites are preserved a buffer zone of 20 meters should be kept around the sites during construction and a heritage management plan should be implemented for the sites as part of the EMP for the project.

It must be kept in mind that sites like these might contain unmarked graves and if impacted on these sites must be monitored by a professional archaeologist during the construction phase to mitigate accidental finds.

A chance find procedure must also be included in the EMP for accidental finds as briefly outlined below



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The palaeontological assessment determined that the impact of the development on fossil heritage is HIGH and further mitigation measures are required.

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In terms of palaeontological heritage, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit requires that a palaeontological field assessment be conducted and submitted to SAHRA for comment.

In terms of archaeological heritage, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has no objections to this proposed development, provided that the recommendations in the specialist reports and this comment are adhered to, and 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) are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA must be alerted immediately, and a professional archaeologist 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.

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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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/502623>

**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.