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

Attention: Four Rivers Trading 263 (Pty) Ltd

Mining right over certain portion on the farm De Onderstepoort 300 JR, in Pretoria, Gauteng

Pelser, A. July 2017. Report On A Phase 1 HIA For Proposed Development On Portions 53, 127, 131 & 135 Of The Farm De Onderstepoort 300JR In The Pretoria Magisterial District Of Tshwane, Gauteng

The proposed development entails the extension of an existing quarry on Portions 53, 127 and 131 of the farm De Onderstepoort 300JR, in the Pretoria Magisterial District area of Tshwane in Gauteng, while a new development is proposed on Portion 135.

A number of heritage resources were identified, mainly to the Late Iron Age (LIA), as well as some recent historical features, including a known recent historical graveyard.

The author recommends that:

Although no development actions are planned close to or on the site where the graves are located, the site needs to be managed as part of the existing operations at Four Rivers. The site containing the graves should be cleaned and kept clean, and a new fence erected around it, with an access gate to the site. A sign indicating the presence of a cemetery here should also be erected.

This age of the Brickworks site remains is unknown and the site has been impacted on extensively over the years. No further development actions are envisaged here, but the author recommends that no further damage to or demolition to the site takes place and that it be left intact. If development is planned here then the site should be recorded in more detail before demolition and a permit obtained from SAHRA.

The LIA sites should be preserved if possible and mitigated if to be impacted by development actions. If the sites are to be impacted, the author recommends that the sites be mapped and drawn in detail, archaeological excavations on sections of the sites be undertaken and finally that a demolition permit from SAHRA be obtained for these sites once mitigation measures have been implemented. The alternative is to avoid the sites in total and then preserve it in situ and to manage the site through a Cultural Heritage Management Plan.

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In terms of archaeological and heritage, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit supports the recommendations of the author as provided in the specialist report and requires that these recommendations be adhered to prior to, and during any development.

Considering that the SA Palaeontological Sensitivity Map indicates that the study area has Insignificant fossil sensitivity, no further palaeontological studies are required, on condition that:

- If any evidence of palaeontological remains are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA must be alerted immediately, and a professional palaeontologist 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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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.