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Letter of Recommendation for Exemption from further Palaeontological Studies at the Proposed Sorghum Malt Production Facility at St. Elmo, Bloemfontein, Free State

A sorghum malt production facility is planned on the farm St. Elmo 2138/1, Bloemfontein, Mangaung District, Free State. The area is currently being used as plough fields. As the proposed area for development contains no outcrops or sedimentary strata that could contain fossils (assessed by consulting photographs taken by H<sub>2</sub>ON, 1: 50 000 maps and Google Earth) and is also already greatly disturbed due to farming activities, there is no likelihood of any fossils being found and thus impacted by this development.

Thus, subject to approval by the relevant authorities, I recommend that the development proceed.

Yours Sincerely,



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