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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Tekplan
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0070

The construction of a temporary construction camp on Portion 25 of the farm Theunispans 293 LQ. The proposed site is located at Steenbokpan in the Lephalale Municipal area.

Roodt, F. February 2009. *Phase 1 HIA Report: Township Establishment Steenbokpan - Limpopo*

Thank you for submitting the above HIA to SAHRA for comment.

The application is for a proposed residential township at Steenbokpan, west of Lephalale. The area proposed for development is currently used for agriculture such as orchards and game farming.

The submitted HIA identified three cemeteries that may be impacted by the proposed development as well as a small general store structure that dates to the 1940's.

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, the relevant heritage resources authority must be satisfied that the heritage studies completed as part of the NEMA process are satisfactory. The submitted HIA does not comply with the Minimum Standards for Impact Assessments as published by SAHRA in 2007 and amended in 2013. The submitted HIA fails to provide track paths and does not assess impacts to all heritage resources, including palaeontology and visual impacts of the proposed development. It is unclear, based on the information provided, what impact the proposed development will have on the identified resources. As such, no assessment of impact has been completed.

None of the documentation pertaining to the environmental impact process required in terms of NEMA has been provided to SAHRA for comment.

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Consequently, SAHRA is not able to make an informed decision regarding this application and requires:

- A new Heritage Impact Assessment must be compiled and submitted to SAHRA as soon as possible. The report should comply with SAHRA minimum standards and fulfill the requirements of section 38 (3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (No. 25 of 1999).
- The submitted report must include Track paths as per SAHRA's minimum standards.
- A Desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment or alternatively, a letter of exemption from conducting a Palaeontological Impact Assessment from a suitably qualified palaeontologist.
- Copies of the reports to be submitted to fulfill the requirements of NEMA, including public participation



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Contractor's Camp - Portion 25 Theunispan 293 LQ

Our Ref: 16/1/9 Contractors Camp Ptn 25 Theunispan 293 LQ



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documentation, the visual impact assessment and the town planning documentation.

- A clear indication of the nature and scope of the proposed development, including a clear indication of what impact the proposed development will have on the identified heritage resources.
- A proposed layout of the township indicating the location of the identified resources relative to the proposed development.
- Please note that other categories of heritage resources, such as built environment, cultural landscapes, palaeontological resources, and burial grounds and graves must also be assessed.

SAHRA will await the submission of the above information before issuing a Final Comment in terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999).

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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