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Final Comment

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

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Establishment of a residential township Wilkoppies Extension 108 comprising a total area of 11,3384 hectares on Holdings 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 48, Wilkoppies Agricultural Holdings IP, Klerksdorp, City of Matlosana, North West Province

Pelser, A. November 2013. Report On A Phase 1 Hia For The Proposed Wilkoppies Ext.108 Township Development On Holdings 19-23 And 48, Wilkoppies Agricultural Holdings (Elandsheuvell 402IP) In Klerksdorp, Northwest Province.

The proposed project relates to the development of a retirement village on Holdings 19-23 and 48, known as Wilkoppies Extension 108. The portion of land to be development is completely surrounded by urban development. According to the report submitted the area is flat and disturbed by past agricultural activities and illegal dumping. The author notes that large sections of the property has been cleared although dense vegetation occurs in some sections.

Even though the development is situated in an urban context, five sites of heritage significance were identified during the survey. It should be noted that SAHRA specifically requests that all reports compiled after September 2012 contain track-paths of the area surveyed. No reports will be accepted in future if no track-paths are indicated.

Stone Age

The author describes Site 1 as a scatter of Middle/Later Stone Age artefacts of low density and significance. The author notes the possibility of the discovery of further stone age material, but suggests that these may not be in context.

Recent Structures

The author describes Site 2 as the remains of foundations of recent structures that is less than 60 years of age. It is noted that these structures have mainly been demolished. Since they are younger than 60 years of age they are not protected in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act.

Historical Remains and Refuse Midden

The author notes that Sites 3-5 are possibly related to each other. The author suggested that the Site 3 (the midden) could date to between the late 19th century and mid 20th century. It is not clear if the author means the site to date to the late 19th century and was used up unto the mid-20th century, or if it can date to anywhere between the late 19th and mid-20th century.



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Sites 4-5 are foundations of structures that relate to Site 3 but as with the midden, the dates of these two sites are not well understood and may be contemporaneous. However, these foundations are considered to be of low significance.

From the map provided in the Memorandum uploaded with the case, it appears that the access road to the village will certainly affect Sites 3, 4 and 5.

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SAHRA does not require any further assessment for Site 1, Site 4 and Site 5.

A Phase 2 assessment may be required for Site 3 (the midden). However, since the significance of the site is not properly addressed and explained in the report, SAHRA requires that the archaeologist responsible for the mitigation submit an application for a permit in terms of section 35 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act no 29 of 1999) to SAHRA. This application will be inclusive of a fully comprehensive motivation which highlights the significance of the sites and the rationale for its sampling and excavation.

If Sites 3-5 are younger than 100 years but 60 years or older the decision will have to be referred to the North West Provincial Heritage Resources Authority (Mr Mosiane Mothlabane, tel. 018 388 2826, email: mosianem@nwpg.gov.za).

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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Township Establishment Wilkoppies Extension 108



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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.



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