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In terms of Section 38(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mr Reinier Bronn

The wall that needs to be demolished is on the site where we need to build a new residential dwelling. The wall, maybe 500mm high, is very delapidated and stones have been broken off this wall. This wall had also been ignored on adjacent sites where houses have already been built. This wall had been overseen by the previous aesthetics committee of Woodland Hills as well as the local Municipality. This is on erf 30113, Woodland Hills Wildlife Estate. Free State Province.

The proposed project entails the building of a residential dwelling on Erf 30113, 51 Kameeldoring Street, Woodland Hills Wildlife Estate, Bloemfontein, Free State Province. As a small section of a dilapidated stone wall, possibly of heritage value, will be required to be demolished in the process, Loudine Philip (Heritage Free State) assessed the significance of the wall.

PHILIP, L. 2020. COMMENT ON THE APPLICATION FOR DEMOLITION OF A SECTION OF AN HISTORIC STONE WALL ON THE FARM HILLANDALE 249, BLOEMFONTEIN, FREE STATE.

Erf 20113 is situated at the end of a stone-packed wall that runs in a southern direction up to the south-western border of the estate, and further to the N1 on the eastern side of the farm. The wall appears to date back to the Anglo-Boer War and served to delineate a military area probably built by the British. However, this section of the wall is not well defined. It was also noted that Erf 30113 is situated very close to the original farmhouse of the Fischer family which is in the process of being declared as protected heritage.

Recommendations:

- *Demolition of the wall would not make a discernible difference to the heritage value of a wall that is several kilometres long;*
- *A conservation management plan for the remainder of the wall, and any other physical remains of the Anglo-Boer War as identified in the two reports by Mr Cobus Dreyer, must be drawn up by the management of the Woodland Hills Wildlife Estate in conjunction with a suitably qualified archaeologist, to ensure this heritage feature is conserved for future generations.*

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has reviewed the assessment and has no objections against the proposed development. The following conditions must be adhered to:

1. A permit in terms of section 35(4) of the NHRA and Chapter II and IV of the NHRA Regulations must be applied for from SAHRA for the demolition of the wall. No damage to the wall may occur without a permit issued for this purpose.
2. During demolition an archaeologist must be present to monitor the ground clearance in case further heritage resources may be found in the process. A monitoring report must be submitted to SAHRA (email to apmpermitreports@sahra.org.za).
3. Should any objects of archaeological or palaeontological remains be found during construction activities, work must immediately stop in that area and the South African Heritage Recourse Agency (SAHRA) or Heritage Free State (HFS) must be informed. An archaeologist must be contacted to assess the importance and rescue them if necessary (with the relevant SAHRA permit). No work may be resumed in this area without the permission from SAHRA.

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.