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## Final Comment

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

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### **Township Establishment of an Integrated Human Settlement on 502,5746 hectares: Matlosana Estates on a portion of the Remaining Extent of Portion 1 and the Remaining Extent of Portion 181 of the farm Townlands of Klerksdorp No. 424-IP (now Portions 607, 608, 609, 611 and 612 of the farm Townlands of Klerksdorp No. 424-IP, City of Matlosana, North West Province**

AB Enviro Consult/Maxim Planning Solutions were appointed by National Route 12 Capital Developments (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the proposed Township Development on 520.0882 ha on the remainder of portion 1 of Townlands of Klerksdorp 242IP, Klerksdorp, North West Province. An EIA was completed for the project in 2009, after which SAHRA issued an Interim Comment on the proposed development on the 15 September 2009. SAHRA noted the proposed development and requested that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) be undertaken for the development, and that the HIA should consider archaeological and palaeontological resources. The North West Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Environment granted the Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the project on the 10/02/2009 (NWP/FIA/131/2007).

Since the granting of the EA, an HIA was conducted for the development, however, the report was never submitted to SAHRA for comment. In order to ensure compliance, Maxim Planning Solutions have submitted the HIA conducted in 2012 along with the EIA and EA in order to finalize the outstanding requirements as per the Interim Comment issued by SAHRA in 2009.

In an Interim Comment issued on the 08/12/2016, SAHRA requested clarification as to whether or not the township has been developed or if it has yet to be constructed. SAHRA requested that a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment must be completed before further comments can be issued on the case.

*Rubidge, B. 2017. Palaeontological Desktop Study –Matlosana Estate Klerksdorp township establishment.*

The proposed development is underlain by igneous rocks of the Precambrian Rietgat Formation (Ventersdorp

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Supergroup) with the possibility of surface Quaternary deposits. As the igneous rocks are completely unfossiliferous and there is no indication for the presence of alluvial deposits the development will not negatively affect palaeontological heritage. If in the extremely unlikely event that fossils are exposed in superficial deposits in the process of development activities, a qualified palaeontologist must be contacted to assess the exposure for fossils so that the necessary rescue operations are implemented.

### Final Comment

While the applicant has not yet clarified if the development has been constructed yet or not, it is clear that the proposed development area has been extensively disturbed. SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts the recommendations of the HIA and the desktop Palaeontological Study. The recommendations provided in the specialist reports and the following conditions must be adhered to and be incorporated into the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for the project:

- If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/John Gribble 021 462 5402) must be alerted. If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately. A professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required.

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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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/375986>

**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.