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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(8), 38(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Indigo Fruit Farming (Pty) Ltd

PO Box 501, Lydenburg, 1120

The applicant proposes the establishment of 33ha of citrus on virgin land on the Remaining extent of portion 3 of the Farm Boerboomskraal 353-KT. The area where they wish to establish the orchards is virgin land which has not been cultivated for more than 10 years and since then the proposed areas have developed into mosaics of relatively natural appearing areas as well as more disturbed areas where compacted and eroded soil is limiting the establishment of natural elements and promoting the spread of alien and invasive vegetation species. Drip irrigation is proposed to be installed, as this is the most efficient method of irrigation in terms of minimising the volume of water used. Fruit to be produced on this farm will be packed in the applicant's nearby existing packhouse, from where it will be distributed locally and exported. Limpopo Province

Polygon Environmental Planning (Pty) Ltd is undertaking a Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) on behalf of Indigo Fruit Farming (Pty) Ltd, in respect of listed activities in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014, that require an application for Environmental Authorisation, in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA).

To meet the requirements of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999, a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) by Shasa Heritage Consultants was undertaken and the report submitted to South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) for commenting.

Roodt, F. July 2017. Phase 1 Heritage Resources Scoping Report Proposed Establishment of New Orchards, on Portion 3 of the Farm Boerboomskraal 353 KT, Near Burgersfort, Limpopo.

The author undertook a field assessment of the all three portions of the proposed development area and identified a historical farm labourer settlement. The author requests an exemption from undertaking a HIA because the area is largely disturbed, and the field assessment undertaken in the Scoping Phase is sufficient to determine no surface heritage will be disturbed during construction. The author recommends that monitoring by the ECO is undertaken during the construction phase in Orchard 1 where the farm labourer settlement was identified.

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology, Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot accept this HIA because the report does not contain a tracklog, as evidence of a field survey that was undertaken. The section where it mentions the palaeosensitivity of the area (section 4.6) is insignificant because the development is located in a grey area is in accurate, the development is located in a high and low palaeontological sensitivity zone according to the SAHRIS palaeomap. Therefore, SAHRA requires an assessment of palaeontological resources by a suitably qualified palaeontologist. In addition, the report does not contain a detailed literature review of the various known heritage resources located within the region.

Furthermore, it is not clear at which stage of the EA application process this application is in, this must be stated. If this case was created after the EA was granted, then this case must be made into a 38(1) application for SAHRA decision.

The HIA must be amended to include the tracklog and a detailed literature review, and the amended HIA must be submitted to the case for commenting.

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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