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Final Decision

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

Attention: Mr Anton Pelser
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PHASE 1 HIA REPORT FOR THE EXISTING DEVELOPMENT OF A DIESEL DEPOT ON PORTION 22 OF MIMOSA 61HO & THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MILL ON A PORTION OF GROOTPOORT 83HO NEAR SCHWEIZER-RENEKEN IN THE MAMUSA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NORTH-WEST PROVINCE - APAC019/58

APelser Archaeological Consulting has been appointed by AB Enviro Consult to undertake an application in terms of section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) for the existing development of a Diesel Depot on portion 22 of the Farm Mimosa 61HO and the proposed development of a mill on a portion of the farm Grootboom 83HO, near Schweizer-Reneke, North West Province.

Pelser, A. 2019. Phase HIA report for the existing development of a diesel depot on portion 22 of Mimosa 61HO & the development of a mill on a portion of Grootpoort 83HO near Schweizer-Reneken in the Mamusa Local Municipality, North-West Province.

No *in-situ* heritage resources were identified within the development footprints, however, out-of-context Stone Age lithics were identified within the gravels that were used to level the existing diesel depot. The possible source of the gravels was traced and found to be located close by. No heritage resources were identified within the proposed mill development area.

Recommendations provided in the report include the following:

- A detailed sampling of representative Stone Age material (stone tools) from the Diesel Depot area for analysis and curation purposes at a recognized institution such as the University of Pretoria's Department of Archaeology;
- Tracing the primary source (quarry) of the gravels and river pebbles used at the Diesel Depot in order to determine the possible *in situ* location of the Stone Age material;

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- The digging of test trenches in the Mill Development area to determine the possible location of in situ archaeological deposits and the depth of these deposits before the commencement of development work. An archaeological research permit for this will have to be obtained from the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA).

It is noted that the proposed development is located in an area of low sensitivity for palaeontological resources as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity Map.

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The following conditions are provided as a requirement in terms of section 38(4) of the NHRA, and must be adhered to:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections to the proposed development;
- 38(4)b – The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. No further assessment of the impact to palaeontological resources is required. Specific conditions for the development include the following:
 - i) – A permit in terms of section 35 of the NHRA and Chapter II and IV of the NHRA Regulations must be applied for by a qualified archaeologist from SAHRA in order to carry out the proposed mitigation measures recommended by the specialist (recommendations 1 and 3);
 - ii) - A report regarding the tracing of the source of the gravels and river pebbles must be compiled and submitted to SAHRA;
 - iii) – A Fossil Finds Procedure must be development and implemented as part of the construction phase of the project;
- 38(4)c(i) – 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/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;

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- 38(4)d – See section 51(1) of the NHRA;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:
- i) If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by 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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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/524397>

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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.