Residential and business development on the farm Witgatboom, Burgersfort

Our Ref: 7598

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Response to NID (Notification of Intent to Develop)

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

Attention: Afrika Enviro & Biology P.O. Box 2980 WHITE RIVER 1240

A Phase 1 AIA / HIA for the proposed residential and business development on the remainder of the farm Witgatboom 316KT, Burgersfort, Limpopo Province

Thank you for Notifying SAHRA of the Proposed Residential and business development in the farm Witgatboom 316 KT, in Burgersfort area, Greater Tubatse Local Municipality ,Limpopo Province. The details of the project were not handed in or uploaded onto SAHRIS.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA), no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. This means that before such sites are disturbed by development it is incumbent on the developer (or mine) to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment is done. This must include the archaeological component (Phase 1) and any other applicable heritage components. Appropriate (Phase 2) mitigation, which involves recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed, must be done as required.

No Heritage Impact Assessment was uploaded to this case. Nor a Palaeontological Impact Assessment was uploaded to the case on SAHRIS also.

SAHRA Notification of Development comment

SAHRA APM Unit requires a Heritage Impact Assessment study conducted by a suitably qualified professional archaeologist for the proposed development. The assessment should look at the built environment, graves, and archaeology of the proposed development.

The proposed development lies in a *low to insignificant palaeontological sensitive zone* (<u>http://www.sahra.org.za/sahris/map/palaeo</u>), thus SAHRA APM unit will require a Desktop Assessment of the development, or a Palaeontological Exemption letter to be conducted by a suitably qualified professional palaeontologist.

SAHRA will comment further on this proposed development once the above requested studies are submitted to the case.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.



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Yours faithfully

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