

Interim Comment

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

Attention: Ms Engela Grobler
Africa Geo-environmental Services
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0700

Proposed Township Development (4 700 erven) on Remainder of Richards' Lager 124 LR, Lephalale Local Municipality, Waterberg District, Limpopo Province.

Stegman, L., Roodt, F.E., & Roodt, F. June 2013. Phase 1 Heritage Resource Impact Assessment (Scoping & Evaluation) Proposed New Demarcation Thabo Mbeki, Limpopo Statement With Regard To Heritage Resources Management

The Limpopo Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs (COGHSTA) propose the establishment of the Thabo Mbeki Township on the remainder of the farm Richards Lager 124 LR, in the Lephalale District of Limpopo Province. A Heritage Statement was submitted to SAHRA in support of this application. According to the Scoping report the project will consist of 4700 stands with the following components:

- Residential (±4640 erven)
- Business (±10 erven)
- Educational (±22 erven)
- Municipal uses / Community Centre(±1 hectare)
- Filling Station (1 erf)
- Industrial (±3 hectares)
- CBD (±1 hectare)
- Recreational facilities (±11 hectares)
- Churches (±23 erven)

The heritage statement that was submitted to SAHRA provided no information on the project in terms of:

1. Detailed description of the type of development proposed;
2. The extent of the property surveyed or even a description of the property;
3. No background information on the archaeological and historical sequence of the area and region, and what previous assessments has been undertaken;
5. No GPS Track paths of the area surveyed;
6. No assessment of potential palaeontological resources that may be impacted upon by the proposed

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development;

7. Minimal photographs of the area affected.

Decision

1. Considering the lack of information contained in the heritage report, SAHRA is unable to make an informed decision on the proposed project.

2. SAHRA therefore requests a new heritage report that addresses points 1-7 described above and which adheres to SAHRA Minimum Standards for Archaeological Impact Assessments. SAHRA will issue a Final Comment as soon as the new report is submitted.

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/132002>



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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.



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