

**Proposed Lethabong Extension 2 Situated southeast of Sebokeng, in the Emfuleni Local Municipality and the Sedibeng District Municipality, Gauteng province. Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment**



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## **Final Comment**

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

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PGS Heritage (Pty) Ltd (PGS) was appointed by Set Square Developments (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for proposed establishment of Lethabong Extension 2 is situated on the Remainder of the Farm Quaggasfontein Alias Lapdoorns 548 IQ, Southeast of Sebokeng, in the Emfuleni Local Municipality and the Sedibeng District Municipality of the Gauteng Province.

A Basic Assessment Report (BAR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, no 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed establishment of Lethabong Extension 2 will comprise two sections, namely a residential component referred to as Phase 6 North and a commercial component referred to as Phase 6 South.

In terms of palaeontological sensitivity, the site is located to have High palaeontological sensitivity area. According to the SAHRA palaeontological sensitivity map and the likelihood of fossil materials being uncovered in this project area is likely. As such, further assessment of the impact to palaeontological resources is required.

*Birkholtz, P.D. April 2025. Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) for the Proposed Lethabong Extension 2 Situated southeast of Sebokeng, in the Emfuleni Local Municipality and the Sedibeng District Municipality, Gauteng province.*

Two intangible heritage sites were identified. These include one ritual practice site (LET01) that appears to be abandoned and another location (LET02) where a spring is utilized for religious and spiritual activities. Although a local citizen gave information on these two locations, the proposed development will not negatively affect the heritage resources.

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*Butler, E. March 2024. Palaeontological Desktop Assessment for the proposed Phase 6 Lethabong Housing Development, and Phase 7 Commercial Development in Sebokeng Township, Emfuleni Local Municipality, Gauteng Province, South Africa.*

The proposed township development is underlain by the Timeball Hill Formation of the Pretoria Group (Transvaal Supergroup), the PalaeoMap of the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS) indicates that the Palaeontological Sensitivity of the Timeball Hill Formation is High. The construction of the township development may thus be permitted in its whole extent. No further palaeontological heritage studies, ground truthing and/or specialist mitigation are required, pending the discovery of newly discovered fossils.

- A Chance Fossil Finds Procedure is recommended and must be implemented

### **Final Comment**

The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 3(4) of the NEMA Regulations and section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be included in the Final EIR and EMP:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Development Applications Unit (DAU) has no objections to the proposed development;
- 38(4)b – The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. No further additional specific conditions are provided for the development;
- 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 DAU (Khanyisile Bonile/[kbonile@sahra.org.za](mailto:kbonile@sahra.org.za)) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with this section of the NHRA is an offence 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 DAU (Khanyisile Bonile/[kbonile@sahra.org.za](mailto:kbonile@sahra.org.za)) must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with this section of the NHRA is an offence in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)d – See section 51(1) of the NHRA regarding offences;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:

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- 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;
- The Final EIR and EMPr must be submitted to the SAHRIS Case for record purposes;
- The decision regarding the EA application must be submitted to the SAHRIS application for record purposes.

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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**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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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.org.za/node/381882>