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Case ID: 25132

Date: Monday, 2 June, 2025

Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(3) 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)

Aqua Farming (Pty) Ltd
Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd
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Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) has been appointed by Aqua Farming (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed development activities on portion 16 of farm Droogfontein 62, portion 2 of farm Eerste Aanleg 50, remaining extent of Witpan 52 and remaining extent farm Bulpan in the Frances Baard District Municipality, Northern Cape Province.

A Background Information Document has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA). The proposed activities will include the development of pivot irrigation systems with vegetation clearance of 1800 Ha and buffer dam with a 50000m³ capacity.

It is noted that no assessment of the impact to heritage resources has been provided as per section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

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The SAHRA Development Applications Unit (DAU) requests that an assessment of the impact to heritage resources that complies with section 38(3) of the NHRA as required by section 38(8) of the NHRA must be conducted as part of the EA process. The HIA must include an archaeological and palaeontological component.

The field-based archaeological component of the HIA must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist and must comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports (see www.asapa.co.za or www.aphp.org.za for a list of qualified archaeologists).

The proposed development is located within an area of moderate Palaeontological Sensitivity as per the



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SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such, a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist. (See <https://www.palaeosa.org/> for a list of qualified palaeontologists). The report must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments.

The Minimum Standards refer to a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption for further studies should the specialist deem it appropriate. SAHRA reserves the right to insist on a field-based assessment should the Letter of Recommendation not provide ample information to make an informed comment.

Any other heritage resources as defined in section 3 of the NHRA that may be impacted, such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested reports and a DBAR that incorporates the results of the specialist assessment.

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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