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Case ID: 25383

Date: Monday, 7 July, 2025

Final 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)

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The Real Development Company was appointed by the Mpumalanga Provincial Department of Human Settlement to undertake a section 24G NEMA application for the Township Formalization of Erf 152 of Lake Chrissie within the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. Activities undertaken without authorization are associated with the construction of and upgrade of an existing informal residential settlement to meet standards of a formal residential area.

Prof. Marion Bamford and Beyond Heritage (Pty) Ltd were appointed to undertake specialist post-development Palaeontological and Heritage Impact Assessments in terms of section 24G(1)aa(G-H) of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act No. 25 of 1999 (NHRA)

Bamford, M., 2023. Palaeontological Impact Assessment for the Section 24G Application for the Unauthorised Township Establishment on RE of ERF 142, Lake Chrissie, Mpumalanga Province: Desktop Study.

It is extremely unlikely that any fossils would be preserved in the overlying soils and sands of the Quaternary. It is unlikely, however that any fossils were disturbed as there is only a very small chance that fossils occur below the ground surface in the shales of the Vryheid Formation.

Walt, J. & K., L. 2025. Heritage Impact Assessment for the Section 24G Application, Township Formalisation on the Remainder of Erf 152 Lake Chrissie, Mpumalanga Province: Phase 1.

A formal municipal cemetery was identified within the unauthorized development footprint and 5 other heritage sites outside the footprint. Heritage sites further outside the footprint are CM001-CM005 ranging from low



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heritage significance to high local heritage significance.

Recommendations made by specialist reports:

- No defining impact to significant heritage resources was detected during the assessments, however, chance finds protocols proposed must be observed.
- A Site Management Plan is proposed for the cemetery within the developed footprint.

Final Comment:

The following comments are made as 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 EIA 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;
- 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 (John Pakwe 0638941979 / jpakwe@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)d – See section 51 of the NHRA regarding offences;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists: 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 decision regarding the EA Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application.

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

**Section 24G application for Township Formalisation on the Remainder of ERF
152 Lake Chrissie, Mpumalanga Province**



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Yours faithfully

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Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.org.za/node/382366>