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## 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)

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Henwood Environmental Solutions was appointed to undertake an Environmental Authorization (EA) application for the proposed Construction of a Dam on a Portion of Farm Quagga 423 JU within the Nkomazi Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province.

Prof. Marion Bamford and Kudzala Antiquity cc were appointed to provide specialist Palaeontological and Heritage Impact Assessments into the EIA process in terms of section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the NHRA. Prof. Bamford submitted a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption of Palaeontological Impact Assessment stating that:

“The project lies entirely on the mafic lavas of the Letaba Formation, covered with soil and vegetation. Lavas are molten rocks from below the earth’s crust that risen to the surface and cooled. They are of igneous origin and only sedimentary rocks preserve fossils. There is no chance, therefore, that any fossils will occur in the footprint or surroundings of the dam”.

*Celliers, J.P., 2025. Phase 1 Archaeological and Heritage Impact Assessment on the Farm Quagga 432 JU in Respect of the Proposed Construction of an Off-Stream Dam for Agricultural Purposes, Nkomazi, Mpumalanga Province.*

The physical survey did not identify any significant heritage resources. Section 3.1 (page 10) of the HIA report states that public consultation will be undertaken by the EAP and the results of such consultations will be addressed in the Final HIA.

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**The SAHRA Development Applications Unit (DAU) is making the following comments in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act as contemplated by the EIA process in terms of section 24(4)b(ii) of NEMA:**

- The SAHRA DAU acknowledges the receipt of the HIA report and Letter of Recommendation for Exemption of PIA studies.
- Further comments will be issued upon the submission of the following:
- A Final HIA report incorporating the results of public participation in terms of section 38(3)e of the NHRA and section 3.1 of the submitted HIA report ([HIA Quagga 432 JU | SAHRIS](#)) and;
- a Basic Assessment, Environmental Impact Assessment or a Scoping Report.

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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