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Interim 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)

Rochelle Maritz
Blue Century Craft Distillery
Portion 288 Hartebeestfontein 445-JQ
Madibeng Local Municipality
Brits
0250

Setala Environmental (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Blue Century Craft Distillery (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for Removal of Vegetation for a Wedding Venue and a Distillery on 1,7620.44 Ha, Part of Portion 288 of the farm Hartebeestfontein 445-JQ, Madibeng Local Municipality, North West Province

A Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) and Environmental Management Programme Report (EMPR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998. The proposed development will consist of one (1) wedding venue with ablution facilities, one (1) distillery and a parking area in addition to already existing infrastructure in the area.

APelser Archaeological Consulting has been appointed by Setala Environmental (Pty) Ltd to provide heritage specialist input into the EA process in terms of section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Pelser, A. 2025. A Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment & Report for Proposed Development & the Clearance of Indigenous Vegetation on Portion 288 of the farm Hartebeesfontein 445JQ near Hartebeespoort Dam in the Northwest Province.

The site was subjected to a foot survey during May 2025. Dense vegetation cover in some portions of the study area is noted by the author.

- The HIA identified no Heritage Resources in the proposed development area. A homestead and



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related outbuildings have been identified but will suffer no impact.

- The HIA recommends a Chance Find Protocol be implemented.

Prof Marion Bamford has been appointed to provide Palaeontological specialist input.

Bamford, M. 2025. Palaeontological Impact Assessment for the proposed distillery and wedding venue development on Portion 288 of Farm Hartebeestfontein 445.

The project lies in the Transvaal Basin where the rocks of the Palaeoproterozoic Transvaal Supergroup are exposed (Figure 3). Unconformably overlying the ancient rocks are much younger sands and alluvium that were deposited during the Quaternary.

The geological structures suggest that the rocks are either much too old to contain body fossils or are the wrong type. Fossils showing microbial activity could be present.

There is a very small chance that trace fossils (stromatolites, microbialites) may occur in the dolomites or quartzites of the Magaliesberg Formation (upper Pretoria Group, Transvaal Supergroup). As a result, a Fossil Chance Find Protocol must be added to the EMPr.

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The SAHRA DAU notes the submitted Heritage Reports. However, the HIA must be revised to include a tracklog.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested report. The applicant is advised to extend the EA process in terms of section 19(1)b of the NEMA EIA regulations in order to address this comment.

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

Yours faithfully

REMOVAL OF VEGETATION FOR A WEDDING VENUE AND A DISTILLERY

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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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