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Final Comment

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

Attention: !Kheis Local Municipality

PROPOSED NEW TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT ON PORTION 16 OF FARM 48, GROBLERSHOOP, !KHEIS LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE

Enviroafrica CC has been appointed by !Kheis Local Municipality to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed township development on portion 16 of Farm 48, Groblershoop, !Kheis Local Municipality, Northern Cape.

A draft Scoping Report 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 development will include approximately 1500 erven with associated services, over 95 ha.

Banzai Environmental (Pty) Ltd and Ubique Heritage Consultants have been appointed to provide heritage specialist input as part of the EIA process as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Butler, E. 2020. Palaeontological Desktop Assessment for the Proposed Groblershoop Township Expansion, !Kheis Local Municipality, ZF Mgcawu District Municipality, Northern Cape Province.

The proposed development area is underlain by Precambrian Transvaal Supergroup and Quaternary to Recent sediments of the Gordonia Formation. The Precambrian Transvaal Supergroup sediments are too deep to be impacted and the Gordonia Formation sediments are of low sensitivity with Pleistocene to recent remains. A Chance Fossil Finds Procedure is recommended and is provided in the report.

Fivaz, H and Engelbrecht, J. 2020. Phase 1 HIA Report, !Kheis Township Expansion, Groblershoop, Northern Cape.

A total of 10 isolated surface scatters of Early Stone Age/Middle Stone Age/Later Stone Age lithics with low-fired ceramics were identified and were rated as having a low significance rating. The municipal Groblershoop cemetery is located well outside of the development footprint and will not be impacted. A

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Chance Finds Procedure is recommended and is provided in the report.

In an Interim Comment issued on the 28/08/2020, SAHRA requested that the draft EIA documents be submitted before further comments can be issued.

The DEIR and appendices were submitted to the application on the 29/01/2021.

In a Final Comment issued on the 24/02/2021, SAHRA noted no objections to the proposed development and provided conditions. Since the issuing of the Final Comment, it was brought to the attention of SAHRA that a revised HIA had been overlooked, which had highlighted the presence of a graveyard.

Fivaz, H and Engelbrecht, J. 2020. Phase 1 HIA Report, !Kheis Township Expansion, Groblershoop, Northern Cape (Version 2).

In addition to the heritage resources discussed in the HIA report above, a graveyard dating from the 1950's-70's was identified. It had not been identified in the initial pedestrian survey as it was partial covered with rubbish and rubble. The site is of high significance and requires mitigation.

Recommendations pertaining to the burial ground include the following:

- The burial ground must be cleaned and fenced;
- A no-go bufferzone of 50 m must be maintained around the burial ground.

Final Comment

The comments and conditions provided in the previous Final Comment are valid and must be adhered to. The following condition has been provided by the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit and must be included in the Final EIA and EMPr to be included in the EA. This comment must read together with the Final Comment issued on the 24/02/2021 (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/555966>).

- Relevant Interested and Affected Parties /permitting authorities must be consulted prior to the erection of the fence.

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

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Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/538633>

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.