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## **Interim Comment**

### **In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

Attention: !Kheis Local Municipality

#### **PROPOSED TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT ON ERF 2642 AND PORTION 14 OF FARM 48, OPWAG, !KHEIS LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, ZF MGCAWU DISTRICT 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 Erf 2642 and Portion 14 of the Farm 48, Opwag, !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 730 erven with associated services, over 50 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 Exemption Letter for the Proposed Opwag Township Expansion, !Kheis Local Municipality, ZF Mgcawu District Municipality, Northern Cape Province.*

The proposed development area is underlain by Precambrian Transvaal Supergroup and Groblershoop Formation sediments. The Precambrian Transvaal Supergroup sediments are too deep to be impacted and the Groblershoop sediments are igneous and do not contain fossils. No further recommendations were provided.

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

A total of 18 isolated surface scatters of Early Stone Age and Middle Stone Age lithics of low significance were identified. The municipal Opwag cemetery is located well outside of the development footprint and will not be impacted. A Chance Finds Procedure is recommended and is provided in the report.

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SAHRA requires the draft EIA documents before further comments can be issued.

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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