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RESULTS OF CONSULTATION: PROPOSED EXPANSION AND UPGRADE OF THE MACASSAR WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS, CITY OF CAPE TOWN, WESTERN CAPE

CASE: HWC23100903SB1010

Dear Stephanie

This letter describes the consultation carried out for the above project and the relevant responses. City of Cape Town and Helderberg Renaissance Foundation were the two relevant bodies for the heritage aspects.

An integrated consultation process was carried out with the City of Cape Town Environmental and Heritage Management: Heritage Section being included in the overall Public Participation Process (PPP) carried out for the Basic Assessment Report. A consolidated response letter from all relevant CCT departments was issued with the heritage comment shown here (the full comment letter is appended):

Environmental and Heritage Management: Heritage Section – Muneerah Solomon

The Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) correctly acknowledges that Section 38 (8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) is triggered. A Notice of Intent to Develop (NID) application was therefore made to Heritage Western Cape (HWC). HWC responded on 25/10/2023 that since there is reason to believe that the Proposed Wastewater Treatment Works on Erf 1205 Macassar and Erven 703 and 708, Firgrove will impact on heritage resources, HWC requires that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) that satisfies the provisions of Section 38(3) of the NHRA be submitted. This HIA must in addition have specific reference to a Palaeontological Impact Assessment.

The Heritage Section has no objection to the above proposal and supports the specific studies requested by HWC.

Furthermore, it should be noted that the process is currently ongoing and the follow-up response from HWC is awaited. The Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) is requested to include the final response from HWC in the final report.

It was noted that the above comment only referred to the NID. This was an oversight and a follow up comment dealing with the HIA was submitted subsequently and reads as follows (see appended email):

The Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) for the proposed revision to the previously authorised expansion works at the Macassar Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW) on Erf 1205, Macassar; as well as Erven 703 & 708, Firgrove correctly acknowledges that Section 38 (8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) is triggered. A NID application was therefore made to Heritage Western Cape (HWC). HWC has responded on 25/10/2023 that since there is reason to believe that the Proposed Wastewater Treatment Works on Erf 1205 Macassar and Erven 703 & 708, Firgrove will impact on heritage resources, HWC requires that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) that satisfies the provisions of Section 38(3) of the NHRA be submitted. This HIA must in addition have specific reference to the following:

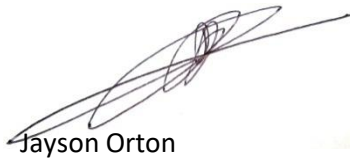
- Palaeontological Impact Assessment

The Heritage Section of the Environment and Heritage Management (E&HM) Branch has no objection and supports the proposal and set of recommendations outlined in Section 10 (Page 39) of the HIA as well as the recommendations outlined in the specific Palaeontological Assessment (Page 16 & 17) requested by HWC to ensure appropriate monitoring and management. It should further be noted that the process in the above regard is currently ongoing and the follow-up response from HWC is awaited.

The Helderberg Renaissance Foundation did not submit a comment. A follow-up telephone call to Mr Louis Steyn after the close of consultation revealed that they felt it was outside their scope of knowledge, and they were happy to allow it to pass with no formal comment from the Foundation.

Please note that emails from Zutari (the environmental practitioner) proving consultation have also been attached as documents 5d to 5i.

Yours sincerely



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