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Mr. David Epstein

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Dear Mr. Epstein

RE: INTEREST IN THE DECLARATION OF *LILIESLEAF FARM ON ERF 357 RIVONIA EXTENSION 1* AS A NATIONAL HERITAGE SITE

NOTIFICATION OF THE INTENTION TO DECLARE *LILIESLEAF FARM ON ERF 357 RIVONIA EXTENSION 1* AS A NATIONAL HERITAGE SITE IN TERMS OF SECTION 27 OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT NO. 25 OF 1999

By the virtue of powers vested in the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) in terms of Section 27 (1) of the National Heritage Resources Act, No 25 of 1999 (referred to henceforth as "NHRA"), the South African Heritage Resources Agency would like to notify all stakeholders of the intention to declare *Liliesleaf Farm on Erf 357 Rivonia Extension 1* as a National Heritage Site.

SAHRA has identified *Liliesleaf Farm* as having qualities so exceptional that it is of national significance and is eligible for National Heritage Declaration.

Statement of Significance:

Liliesleaf Farm represents two pivotal points in South Africa's History and the Liberation Struggle. The purchase of the property by the South African Communist Party as a "safe house" for political activists coincided with the shift within the liberation movement, from passive resistance to a more aggressive armed response and formation of uMkhonto we Sizwe (MK). Liliesleaf subsequently became the headquarters of MK and a crucible for the Liberation Struggle. The eventual police raid in July 1963 led to the capture of prominent leaders of the struggle and the famous Rivonia Trial (which in turn is an important moment in our history). The trial resulted in the conviction and life imprisonment of these important leaders such as Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu, Govan Mbeki, Ahmed Kathrada, Denis Goldberg, Raymond Mhlaba, Elias Motsoeledi and Andrew Mlangeni.



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In terms of Section 27 (10) of the NHRA, *Liliesleaf Farm* shall be deemed to be protected as a heritage site for six (6) months from the date of service of this notice or until the notice is withdrawn or the place is declared to be a heritage site by notice of a Government Gazette, whichever is the shorter period.

Implications of Declaration:

SAHRA is responsible for the protection of all national heritage sites and will, therefore, be the responsible heritage resources authority to ensure the protection of *Liliesleaf Farm* according to section 27(15) of NHRA. In terms of Section 27 (18), no person may destroy, damage, deface, excavate, alter, remove from its original position, subdivide or change the planning status of any heritage site declared a National Heritage Resource without a permit from SAHRA, and, in terms of section 27(22) of the NHRA, no person may damage any fence, wall or gate constructed or sign erected by SAHRA in terms of subsection (21).

You are hereby given 60 (sixty) calendar days from delivery hereof to make representations or written submissions regarding the proposed declaration and to propose, if any, conditions under which the declaration will be acceptable to you in accordance to Section 27 (8) (b) or (c) of the NHRA.

Please make written submissions to the following postal address: **SAHRA, P.O. Box 4637, Cape Town, 8001.** Alternatively you may submit via email to the following email address: hweldon@sahra.org.za.

Should you have any queries with regards to the above, please contact Ms Heidi Weldon (012 941 4960)

We look forward to your response and continued interest in the national protection of this unique heritage resource.

Sincerely,

Ms. Veliswa Baduza
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER