



## Final Comment

### In terms of section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

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**Dreyer, C. June 2012. First Phase Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Assessment of the Proposed New Waste Disposal Site at Senekal, Free State.**

The author notes that a previous in 2006 to develop the same site was abandoned after numerous pieces of vitrified wood had been uncovered during the opening of waste burial trenches. Some of the fossils were removed from the site without permission and were traded off to motorists on the N5 road nearby. The site was then fenced off and the project placed on hold. A significant distribution of chunks and smaller pieces of silicified wood is still scattered over the heaps of soil from the earlier excavations. The author notes that the fence wire is in a poor condition and the gates are no longer secure, cattle are grazing freely on the site, and it is also obvious that the proposed locality has already been damaged beyond any restoration and preservation. An application for a permit to collect fossils during the construction of the new waste disposal site at Senekal was recently submitted to SAHRA, following the review comments that were provided by the SAHRA APM Unit regarding the recommendations of Palaeontological Impact Assessment, written by G. Groenewald, related to this proposed development.

The author states no archaeological or cultural remains could be found on the surface.

### Decision:

As there is apparently no evidence of any significant archaeological material in this area, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorite Unit has no objection to the development (in terms of the archaeological component of the heritage resources) on condition that, if any new evidence of archaeological sites or artefacts or other heritage resources are found during development, construction or mining, SAHRA or an archaeologist must be alerted immediately.

With regards to the palaeontological heritage present, collection of the palaeontological material present on the proposed development must comply with the stipulations of the permit 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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**ADMIN:**

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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