

**Date:** 2018/08/31  
**Your Reference:** CaselD: 12528  
**Attention:** Natasha Higgitt  
Heritage Officers  
South African Heritage Resources Agency  
P.O. Box 4637  
Cape Town, 8001

Dear Natasha Higgitt

**SISHEN IRON ORE COMPANY (PTY) LTD – UPGRADING OF THE EXISTING DMS PROCESSING PLANT AT SISHEN MINE, KATHU, NORTHERN CAPE**

With reference to the Final Comment from the South African Heritage Agency (SAHRA) dated 27 June 2018, on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) submitted in support of the application for Environmental Authorisation of the above project, I in my capacity as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner responsible for the EIA process undertaken in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998), acknowledge your comment. I however kindly request that that the following be considered with respect to the proposed project:

- (1) The existing Dense Media Separation (DMS) plant at Sishen Mine will be modified to allow for processing of low grade iron ore material (previously regarded as mineral residue/waste).
- (2) A new primary crusher will be erected to provide additional crushing capacity for the processing of the low grade iron material.
- (3) New Conveyors are required to link the modified processing components, but these will not exceed 300 m in length and will be erected within existing disturbed areas.
- (4) No buildings of greater than 60 years will be modified.
- (5) All developments will take place on extensively modified areas that already form part of the mining and processing activities at Sishen Mine.
- (6) No new footprint areas at Sishen Mine will be disturbed because of the development.

Based on the above, there is no likelihood that any heritage site will be impacted on because of the proposed development. It is thus strongly motivated that the development be exempted from the requirement for a Heritage Impact Assessment in terms of Section 38(8) of the National

Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999). I ask that SAHRA please reconsider the Final Comment on CaseID: 12528.

I anxiously await your decision on the above request.

Should you require more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kerry Fairley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "K".

**Kerry Fairley**

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Environmental Assessment Practitioner