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Dear Mr Salomon

By e-mail: asalomon@sahra.org.za

THE PROPOSED UPGRADE OF NATIONAL ROUTE 1 SECTION 17 FROM VENTERSBURG (KM 0.0) TO KROONSTAD (KM 44.9)

Your final comments letter dated 19 May 2014 has reference.

In the letter it is indicated that the SAHRA requires that quarry 42.5 be excluded from any developmental activities due to the paleontological heritage site east of the quarry. However, we wish to bring the following under your attention:

- a. The rock material in the quarry is crucial for the roads project as this material does not occur in abundance in the area. The only other quarry that can provide this material is quarry 3 (closer to Ventersburg) but the amount of rock material that quarry 3 will produce will be too expensive for the completion of the entire project due to the distance to Kroonstad.
- b. The quarry will be mined towards the west of the existing quarry (see plan attached) and the fossil site will, therefore, be completely avoided. The SANRAL also instructed this in their contract documentation.
- c. The paleontological site will be documented by Dr J Almond and the report submitted to you.

In the light of the above information and considering that that there will be no impact on the fossil site, it will be appreciated if SAHRA could reconsider the comments pertaining to the paleontological site at quarry 42.5 in the letter.

For more information, do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Dr Jenine Bothma

