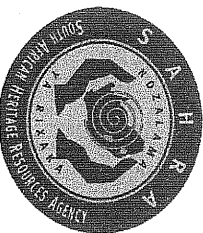


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Dear Mr. Hall

**RE: PROPOSED NOMINATION OF LANGEBAANWEG PALAEOLOGICAL SITE (WEST
COAST FOSSIL PARK) AS A PROVINCIAL HERITAGE SITE.**

Your letter on the above-subject matter refers.
The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) wishes to confirm its commitment to finalizing the process for nomination of the West Coast Fossil Park as a National Heritage Site. SAHRA has since 2003 gone through a lengthy process of grading the site, facilitating formulation of interim conservation management plans for it, and consulting stakeholders regarding its nomination. While SAHRA had the nomination process revisited in 2009, completion of the exercise was hampered by lack of a SAHRA Council during 2009/2010.

While appreciating that the site is under threat from development and the nomination process has dragged to some extent, SAHRA is still committed to completing the process – especially that it is almost complete. The SAHRA Council will be updated on the future of the site and a proposal made to finalize the nomination process.

Thank you for informing us of your intentions, your office will be updated on progress.

Yours sincerely

Dumisani Sibayi: Executive Officer – Heritage Resources Management Division
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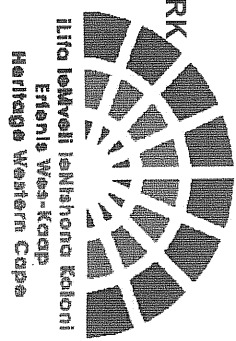
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Dear Ms van Damme,

PROPOSED NOMINATION OF LANGEBAANWEG PALAEOLOGICAL SITE AS A PROVINCIAL HERITAGE SITE

The above palaeontological site has been proposed to be nominated as a Provincial Heritage Site in terms of Section 27(6) of the NHRA (Act 25 of 1999).

It is the understanding of Heritage Western Cape that this significant palaeontological site has previously been proposed to be nominated as a National Heritage Site. As such, Heritage Western Cape would appreciate advice as to the proposed timeline of declaration for this site as a National Heritage Site.

Our primary concern is that this important site is under continued threat from prospecting and mining applications and thus this site requires urgent and significant protection in this regard. Should the SAHRA process be one that will take more than a few months, we believe that it will be necessary for Heritage Western Cape to declare the site in the short term.

Yours sincerely

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