

REVIEW COMMENT ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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Phase 1 AIA and PIA of 30 Gravel Quarries on the R354 between Calvinia and Sutherland, Northern Cape Province**INTRODUCTION**

An Archaeological Impact Assessment and a Palaeontological Impact Assessment were conducted for thirty-two shallow gravel quarries on the R354 between the Downes-turnoff on the R63 and Sutherland.

SAHRA RECOMMENDATIONS

All thirty quarries are of low archaeological significance. No fossil material was observed or located, but the geological context of the region suggests potential palaeontological impact for the quarries bearing shale and mudstone.

SAHRA supports the recommendations of the author and requires that:

The ongoing road construction process must be monitored regularly by a specialist.

CONCLUSION

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 and palaeontological components component of the heritage resources) on condition that, if any new evidence of archaeological sites or artefacts, palaeontological fossils, graves or other heritage resources are found during development, construction or mining, SAHRA or an archaeologist must be alerted immediately.

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