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Letter

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

Attention:

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NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION IN TERMS OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT 28 OF 2002 MPRDA), Duneco CC: Portion of Erf 675, Magisterial District of Colesberg, Northern Cape Province (Reference: NC30/5/1/3/2/10082MP)

Thank you for your indication that mining is to take place in this area.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. This means that before such sites are disturbed by development it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment is done. This must include the archaeological component (Phase 1) and any other applicable heritage components. Appropriate (Phase 2) mitigation, which involves recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed, must be done as required.

Decision:

SAHRA has reviewed the prospective location of this mining site and it is clear that it is disturbed and within a degraded environment; furthermore, the proposed development is relatively small. Therefore it is unlikely that any significant impacts on heritage resources will result from the proposed mine.

Consequently, SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology & Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objection to the proposed development on the condition that if any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, marine shell and charcoal/ash concentrations), unmarked human burials, fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during mining activities, SAHRA APM Unit (Katie Smuts/Colette Scheermeyer 021 462 4502) must be alerted immediately, and an accredited professional archaeologist must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.



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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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SAHRA Head Archaeologist
South African Heritage Resources Agency

ADMIN:
(DMR, Ref: NC30/5/1/3/2/10082MP)

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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