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## **Final Comment**

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Pitso 7Star sand en Klip (Pty) Ltd

13 Van Reenen Street, Kroon Heuvel Kroonstad 9599

Application for Mining Permit on a Portion (4.9554ha) of the Remainder of the farm Bospoort 558, Situated in the magisterial district of Kroonstad, Free State Province. Reference number FS 30/5/1/3/2/10224MP

The proposed project entails mining right on a portion of the Remainder of the farm Bospoort 558, Kroonstad Magisterial District, approximately 16km W of Kroonstad in the Free State Province. Proposed invasive activities include excavation, creating stock piles and waste dumps, construction of an office site, processing site, access road and mine road, as well as facilities for ablution, vehicle storage, chemical storage, diesel storage and domestic waste. The area is located in the bend of the Vals River and includes an un-rehabilitated previously mined area. A final BAR & EMPr with appendices have been conducted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2014 EIA Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended).

The BAR notes that no heritage resources will be impacted by the proposed activities, however no Heritage Impact Assessment has been conducted as part of the EA Application process as per Section 38(8) and 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

## **Final Comment**

SAHRA cannot endorse this proposed development as no HIA has been conducted as part of the BAR process as required by Section 38 of the NHRA.

SAHRA therefore advises the Department of Environmental Affairs and the Department of Mineral Resources to reject the application for EA and Mining Permit for sand mining on a portion of the Remainder of the farm

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Bospoort 558, Kroonstad Magisterial District, approximately 16km W of Kroonstad in the Free State Province (FS 30/5/1/3/2/10224 MP).

This comment must be submitted directly to the competent authority and proof of delivery must be provided to SAHRA.

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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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: http://www.sahra.org.za/node/408854

(, Ref: FS 30/5/1/3/2/10224 MP)

Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.

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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.