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Final Comment

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

Attention: Mr Wellington Sandile Mazibuko
Inzalo Crushing and Aggregates (Pty) Ltd
Portion of Portion 2
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3701

Inzalo Crushing and Aggregates (Pty) Ltd intends to apply for a mining right to mine 25.4 ha of the remaining extent of the farm Bloemhof 14, Parys, which falls in the Ngwathe Local Municipality in the Parys administrative district, Free State Province.

The proposed project entails a mining right application to mine for aggregate / stone gravel on the remaining extent of the farm Bloemhof 14, Parys, Ngwathe Local Municipality, Free State Province. An existing quarry is proposed to be extended. Proposed mining activities will include stripping and stockpiling of topsoil; blasting; excavating; crushing; stockpiling and transporting; sloping and landscaping upon closure of the site; replacing the topsoil and vegetation the disturbed area. It is noted that the site has been extensively used for mining and sugar cane farming purposes.

In an interim comment dated 5 July 2018, SAHRA requested a phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) or letter of Exemption to be submitted. A HIA was subsequently submitted.

Walt, J.v.d. 2018. Heritage Impact Assessment for the Bloemhof Mining Right Application, Free State Province.

The author found no evidence of archaeological sites or artefacts of significance, structures older than 60 years, public monuments or burial sites; however, one stone cairn may, although unlikely, indicate an informal grave. The proposed area is indicated as of insignificant palaeontological sensitivity on the SAHRIS paleontological map. The impact on heritage resources is therefore considered low.

The following recommendations are to be implemented as part of the EMPr:



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- The stone cairn that may indicate a grave is to be preserved *in-situ* with a 20 meter buffer zone. If this is not possible, it must be proven that it is not a grave in which case no further actions are required.
- If any graves are located in future they should ideally be preserved *in-situ* or alternatively relocated according to existing legislation.
- Implementation of a chance find procedure.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit endorses the recommendations in the HIA. In addition, the following conditions must be adhered to and must be incorporated into the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for implementation:

1. A section 36 permit must be obtained from SAHRA for the mitigation of graves.
2. Should any graves or objects of archaeological or palaeontological remains be found during construction activities, work must immediately stop in that area and the Environmental Control Officer (ECO) must be informed.
3. The ECO must inform the South African Heritage Recourse Agency (SAHRA) and contact an archaeologist and/or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the find, to assess the importance and rescue them if necessary (with the relevant SAHRA permit). No work may be resumed in this area without the permission from the ECO and SAHRA.
4. If the newly discovered heritage resource is considered significant a Phase 2 assessment may be required. A permit from the responsible heritage authority will be needed.
5. A Chance Finds Procedures must be developed for the project to ensure that standard protocols and steps are followed should any heritage and/or fossil resources be uncovered during all phases of the project. These procedures should outline the steps and reporting structure to be followed in the instance that heritage resources are found. This must be included in the Environmental Awareness Plan.



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6. The EA must be submitted to the application if/when granted.

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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South African Heritage Resources Agency

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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/488719>

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.