

Permit Application to Allow for the Destruction of the Meyer and Du Toit Farmsteads

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Letter

In terms of Section 35(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mrs Tebogo Chauke
Glencore Operations South Africa (Pty) Ltd

Permit application to allow for the destruction of the Meyer and Du Toit Farmsteads located on Portions 6 and 7 of the Farm Steenkoolspruit 18-IS, near Emalahleni, Emalahleni Local Municipality, Nkangala District Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. The two farmsteads are affected by coal mining activities.

Dear Tebogo,

RE: Permit Application to allow for the Destruction of the Meyer and Du Toit Farmstead

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Naude, M, 2012. Heritage Assessment (Architectural) of buildings on the farm Steenkoolspruit (Site 2)- Witbank (Mpumalanga Prvince).

- Building 1, the building may date from the 19th century and may have been destroyed during the Anglo Boer War. The original gable may have been destroyed in the process and was reconstructed.

- Building 4, this structure was constructed with special craftsmanship and the greatest effort was made to ensure that the walls are stable and solid. The kraal was built into the landscape on a terrace ensuring protection from the wind.

Birkholtz, P. 2012. Du Toit Farmstead Portion 7 of the farm Steenkoolspruit 18-IS, Mpumalanga Province: Architectural Historical Assessment.

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War. The original gable may have been destroyed in the process and was reconstructed. The building must be recorded prior to any demolition.

- Building 4, this structure was constructed with special craftsmanship and the greatest effort was made to ensure that the walls are stable and solid. The kraal was built into the landscape on a terrace ensuring protection from the wind. The kraal must be retained and recorded.

** it should be noted that comments made here only relate to Site 2, the Du Toit Farmstead in portion 7 of the farm Steenkoolspruit**

Both the above-listed reports identified four (a sandstone farm dwelling, a garage, ruins of a rondavel and a kraal and they were labelled buildings 1 to 4 respectively) structures on the farms:

We have reviewed your permit application and the provided mitigation reports. The reports submitted in support of this application provide conflicting information on the age of Building 1 and associated infrastructure. Please provide clarity on this in order for SAHRA to process your application. If the site and associated infrastructure is younger than 100 years an application to Mpumalanga PHRA must be submitted.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

Elijah Dumisani Katsetse
Heritage Officer
South African Heritage Resources Agency

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