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ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED CAPE TOWN
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE 2 ON ERWEN 192, 245, 246
AND THE REMAINDER OF ERF 192, "SALAZAR SQUARE",
ROGGEBAAI, CAPE TOWN FORESHORE.

(MARITIME)

BY MARINE AND UNDERWATER CULTURAL HERITAGE UNIT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN HERITAGE RESOURCES
AGENCY

South Africa has a unique and non-renewable marine and underwater cultural heritage. Marine and underwater cultural heritage sites are protected in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act No 25 of 1999) and may not be disturbed without a permit. Archaeological Impact Assessments (AIAs) identify and assess the significance of the sites, assess the potential impact of developments upon such sites, and make recommendations concerning mitigation and management of these sites. On the basis of satisfactory specialist reports SAHRA can assess whether or not it has objection to a development and indicate the conditions upon which such development might proceed and assess whether or not to issue permission to destroy such sites. AIAs often form part of the heritage component of an Environmental Impact Assessment or Environmental Management Plan. They may also form part of a Heritage Impact Assessment called for in terms of section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act No. 25, 1999. They may have other origins. In any event they should comply with basic minimum standards of reporting as indicated in SAHRA Regulations and Guidelines.

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- B. ARCHAEOLOGY CONTRACT GROUP: *ACO Associates cc*
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- F. Please highlight as relevant: Archaeological component of EIA / EMP / HIA / CMP Other (Specify) ...
- G. REPORT COMMISSIONED BY (CONSULTANT OR DEVELOPER): *Cape Town International
Convention Centre Company*
- H. CONTACT DETAILS: *None*
- I. COMMENTS:

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REVIEW COMMENT ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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The Marine and Underwater Cultural Heritage unit supports the recommendations made by the author in reference to maritime-related finds.

Although a permit is not required for decontextualized items including anchorage debris and cargo, these items should be adequately recorded *in situ* by means of a gps and digital photographs in order to establish its context. This information should be forwarded to the maritime archaeologist at Iziko Museums, Mr Jaco Boschhoff and the Unit Head of SAHRA's Maritime and Underwater Heritage unit, Mr Jonathan Sharfman who will make a decision on the disposal or curation of the material. Particular attention should be paid to markings that may be used to identify a wreck or object.

If any evidence of significant underwater cultural heritage sites or artefacts are found during development or construction, SAHRA or an accredited professional archaeologist must be alerted immediately and all work in the vicinity of the site should cease. Only once the SAHRA are satisfied that all necessary steps have been taken in mitigation and the necessary permit has been issued, may work commence in the immediate vicinity of the site.

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