

## Interim Comment

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

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**Proposed Prospecting Activities** It is envisaged that the proposed prospecting will be conducted over a five year period, and in phases, with the work program being divided into several sequential sections. At the end of each section, there will be a brief period of compiling and evaluating results. These results will not only determine whether the project proceeds, but also the manner in which it will go forward. Essentially, the Applicant will only action the next stage once satisfied with the results obtained.

The proposed project entails prospecting operations to be undertaken on Portion 1 of the Farm Matsap 81, located approximately 47 km southwest of the town of Postmasburg within the Siyancuma Local Municipality in the Northern Cape Province. Each of the sites earmarked for drilling is set out to be 10x10 meters, and 15x15 meters for the single camp site for the extent of the prospecting. Prospecting work will include drilling (percussion) of 10 boreholes to depths of 50 m immediately adjacent existing tracks.

A Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) was submitted to the application:

*Fourie, W. July 2015. Heritage Assessment and Management Plan for the Prospecting Right Application on Portion 1 of the Farm Matsap 81, Northern Cape Province.*

The author reports 19 finds spots that he identified during the fieldwork consisting of a farmstead and associated infrastructure on the werf and surround (MS001-MS004 and MS015-MS017), the infrastructure and machinery associated with salt extraction (MS009, MS010 and MS018), two cemeteries (MS008 and MS019), two possible graves (at MS011 and MS012), low-density scatters of Stone Age material (MS006), sporadic finds of lithics (Stone Age material at MS007 and MS014). Other historical manmade structures occur around the dam (MS011 and MS013).

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit noticed that the prospecting points do not coincide with the author's fieldwork tracklog, both indicated in Figure 23 of the HIA. Since numerous heritage resources have been found along the tracklog, it can be assumed that more resources occur close to the prospecting points, which should have been investigated in the HIA.

In terms of palaeontology, SAHRA noticed that the area is marked to be of moderate to high palaeontological



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sensitivity on the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity Map. Therefore, as suggested in the HIA, a desktop PIA is required.

Please submit the following documentation for SAHRA to be able to release an informed comment on this application:

- A HIA, in which the tracklog of the investigating archaeologist correspond with the prospecting points as indicated in Figure 23 of the HIA submitted in October 2015.

- A desktop PIA.

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/151267>

**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.



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