

Final Comment

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

Attention: Tja Naledi Beafase Investment Holdings (Pty) Ltd

An application for a mining right was submitted to the DMR in the Free state region for a sand mine on approximately 437 ha on the subdivision 4 of the farm Woodlands 408, in the Magisterial district of Parys.

The proposed project entails a new sand mining operation on the farm Woodlands 407 near Parys in the Free State Province. The site has been impacted by informal sand mining previously. A Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) was submitted with the application:

Gaigher, S. May 2015. Heritage Impact Assessment for the Mining Rights Application for Subdivision 4 of the Farm Woodlands 407.

With regard to archaeological resources, the author reports farming related buildings older than 60 years, a single Later Stone Age tool, the potential for unmarked graves in the area around an old farmworkers compound. It is recommended that the structures older than 60 years remain *in situ* and that a management plan should be in place for potential graves.

Regarding palaeontology, alluvial surface sand will be affected and not underlying bedrock, which is why the palaeontological impact will be low.

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Following the author's recommendations, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has no objections against the proposed development, subject to the following conditions:

1. The structures older than 60 years remain *in situ*.
2. A management plan must be in place for potential graves.
3. Should any objects of archaeological or palaeontological remains be found during construction activities, work must immediately stop in that area and the ECO must be informed.
4. 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.



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5. 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.

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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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/315552>
(DMR, Ref: FS 30/5/1/2/2/10020 MR)

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.



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