

Final Comment

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

Attention: Sweet Sensation 168 (Pty) Ltd

An application for a mining right has been submitted for a small sand mine in extent of 95 ha on the remaining extent of the farm De Pont 228, magisterial district of Parys, Free state province.

The proposed project entails the development of a new sand mining operation on the farm De Pont 228 near Parys in the Free State Province. The site has been extensively impacted by crop farming. A Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) was submitted with the application:

Gaigher, S. May 2015. Heritage Impact Assessment for the Mining Rights Application for the Farm De Pont 228.

With regard to archaeological resources, the author reports a small, dilapidated mud-brick building that may be of historic value. Unmarked graves may occur in its vicinity. It is recommended that a report with the necessary mitigation steps 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 is low and no further Palaeontological Impact Assessment is recommended.

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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 dilapidated building should be avoided.
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 Environmental Control Officer 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.
5. If the newly discovered heritage resource is considered significant a Phase 2 assessment may be required.

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an agency of the
Department of Arts and Culture

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/315555>
(DMR, Ref: FS 30/5/1/2/2/10018 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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