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## Interim Comment

### In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Zitholele Consulting  
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### Environmental Impact Assessment for the Proposed Construction of a New Slimes Dam at Koffiefontein Diamond Mine, Koffiefontein, Free State Province

The proposed project entails the construction of a new slimes dam at the Koffiefontein Diamond Mine, located in Koffiefontein, Free State Province. Two sites were proposed for the construction of the dam. A Heritage Impact Assessment was submitted with the application:

*Gaigher, S. March 2015. Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Construction of a New Slides Dam at Koffiefontein Diamond Mine, Koffiefontein, Free State Province.*

The author identified two sites with clusters of Late Stone Age stone tools that are considered to be of low significance. Rock mounds in the area may be identified as burial sites.

Underlying rocks belong to the Dicynodon Assemblage Zone of the Beaufort Group (Karoo Supergroup).

### Interim comment

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts the Heritage Impact Assessment submitted and has no objection against the proposed construction of the dam with regard to archaeological heritage resources. However, the PalaeoSensitivity map on SAHRIS (<http://www.sahra.org.za/sahris/map/palaeo>) indicates high palaeontological sensitivity for the proposed area. Therefore, a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment must be submitted before the SAHRA APM Unit releases a final comment.

Regarding archaeological resources and the possible burial sites, the following conditions must be adhered to:

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1. 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 (ECO) must be informed.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. The above recommendations must be incorporated into the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for implementation.

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/356352>

**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.