



Final Decision

In terms of Section 27 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mr Grant Kunneke
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The proposed upgrading and restoration of sports fields and properties to support multi-disciplinary sporting events to be held on Robben Island in conjunction with Mcelimgeni Mzansi Africa and Robben Island Museum (RIM). The proposal includes high profile sporting events and educational programmes.

Thank you for your application.

While the proposal is in line with encouraging practices which support the financial sustainability of Robben Island, concern has been raised regarding the cumulative impact that a large range of sporting events may have on the significance and authenticity of the island as a national and international cultural and historical resource. Therefore, prior to the consideration or approval of any project applications, a detailed Heritage Impact Assessment must be submitted the South African Heritage Resources Authority (SAHRA).

Case Decision

SAHRA BELCOM hereby agrees in principle with the proposal to host select sporting events and educational programmes on Robben Island. Due to the scale and need for careful consideration of impacts and the reading of memory of the island, BELCOM cannot endorse any of the specific proposals in the document submitted.

Therefore, as per discussions between SAHRA and Robben Island Museum (RIM), BELCOM hereby agrees to review and consider applications made in terms of this proposal, subject to the following agreements:

- A full Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) must be conducted to determine the scope and potential impacts of the proposals;
- Proposals must derive it's intentions and outcomes from the RIM Integrated Conservation Management Plan (ICMP);
- Proposed events must have a clear and tangible link to the history of the island;
- Proposals must have minimal physical impacts on the island (re: environment and heritage) and proposed mitigation measures where any impacts are anticipated must be included;
- Proposed events may not overshadow or undermine the heritage status and authenticity of the site.





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It is noted that any future applications must be submitted electronically onto SAHRIS, and each application must include written support from the CEO of Robben Island Museum (RIM) specific to the application submitted.

In response to the written consent letter from RIM (Date: 25 June 2013; Received 27 June 2013), the support of the proposed project by the RIM is noted, "further explorations of the project should continue subject to interactions and advice from the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) in its capacity as the regulatory authority". In line with this statement it is requested that this SAHRA Case Decision is brought to the attention of the RIM Council Heritage Sub-committee and that a representative of SAHRA Built Environment Unit be present at the RIM Council Heritage Sub-Committee meeting when this case is discussed in July 2013, as proposed.

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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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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