Rehabilitation and Refurbishment of Latimer's Landing (jetty), Erf 33369, East London Harbour Our Ref:

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## **Final Comment**

In terms of Section 38(8), 34(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Alvin Singama **Transnet Capital Projects** 

## Proposed rehabilitation and refurbishment of the existing Latimer's Landing jetty at the Port of East London (Erf 33369), including the reinstallation of the lower deck (pontoon).

The South African Heritage Resources Agency would like to thank you for notifying us of the Proposed Rehabilitation and Refurbishment of the existing Latimer's Landing (Jetty) at the Port of East London.

SAHRA notes that the proposed work will include the replacement of old structures and infrastructure with new structures and infrastructure of a similar nature to perform a similar function.

The archaeological desktop study by the Archaeological Contracts Unit of the National Museum of Bloemfontein established that the proposed area for rehabilitation and refurbishment is part of what is considered to be the historical landscape of Latimer's Landing and the East London Harbour precinct. It is therefore important to make sure that the original footprint of the jetty is retained.

From the report, and the photographs attached as evidence, it seems that the jetty is in a poor condition and in an advanced state of deterioration. Due to this SAHRA does not object to the refurbishment and rehabilitation proposed on Latimer's Landing, as long as the recommendations in the Archaeological Impact Assessment are adhered to. In particular, SAHRA would wish to see:

- the use of as much of the salvageable material from the original jetty as possible, while still retaining the jetty structure as safe for public use; and
- where new material is necessary for the safe construction of the jetty, that the original footprint of Latimer's Jetty is retained.

Formal approval for the reconstruction and refurbishment of Latimer's Landing, however, needs to be obtained from the Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority (PHRA) and this must be obtained before the reconstruction and refurbishment process begins.

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/321297

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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