

**RECTIFICATION FOR THE UNLAWFUL CONSTRUCTION OF INFRASTRUCTURE
FOR THE EXPANSION OF A VINEYARD ON PORTION 13 OF ORANGE FALLS
FARM NO 16, AUGRABIES FALLS WAY, AUGRABIES, NORTHERN CAPE**

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In terms of Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Enviroafrica CC

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Project Description & Location: The unlawful construction of infrastructure for the expansion of a vineyard on Portion 13 of Orange Falls Farm no 16, Augrabies Falls Way has commenced. The soil in which the grapes are planted gets ripped in order to create favorable conditions, no soil gets removed by this action. The 10ha area that is developed is done on previously grazed fields. The activity commenced in different time frames: 5ha were developed in 2010; 2.5ha were developed in 2012 and 2.5ha were developed in 2016. During this development there were no new roads constructed. The warehouse in which the grapes gets processed and packed was built in 2001. The site is approximately 9km north-west of Augrabies. The site co-ordinates are 28°39'30.16"S, 20°20'28.81"E.

EnviroAfrica CC was appointed by The Lair Trust to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process in support of a Section 24G application for the rectification of the unlawful construction of infrastructure for the expansion of a vineyard on portion 14 of Orange Falls Farm No 16, Augrabies Falls Way, Augrabies, Northern Cape Province. A draft EIA has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014. A total of 10 ha was developed which was previously used for grazing.

The Agency for Cultural Resource Management was appointed to conduct the heritage studies as part of the EIA.

Kaplan, J. 2017. Archaeological Screening Assessment, construction of illegal vineyards on portion 12 of Orange Falls Farm No 16, Augrabies, Northern Cape Province: Section 24G Rectification Process.

No archaeological remains were encountered during the site inspection of the constructed vineyards. It was noted that several banded ironstone Middle Stone Age (MSA) tools immediately south of the developed area. No recommendations were provided.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit does not accept the submitted report. A Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) must be conducted for the development which will assess the potential heritage resources that may have been present within the development area, and what may still be uncovered during the operation of the vineyards. The HIA must assess all heritage as defined in section 3 of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) and comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA. Further comments will be issued on receipt of the above.

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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