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Letter

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

Attention: G&A Heritage Management Consultants

Heritage Impact Assessment for the Mining Rights Application located on Portion 11 and Portion 34 of the Farm Cyferfontein 457-KR in the Waterberg District Municipality of the Limpopo Province.

G&A Heritage was appointed by Manyabe Consultancy to undertake a heritage impact assessment for the Mining Rights Application on Portion 11 and Portion 34 of the Farm Cyferfontein 457-KR in the Bela Bela Local Municipality, Waterberg District Municipality of the Limpopo Province. Aquarella Investments 389 (Pty) Ltd have been granted Prospecting Rights and therefore needs to proceed with Mining Rights on Portion 11 and 34 of the Farm Cyferfontein 457-KR. To meet the requirements of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999 a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) by G&A Heritage was undertaken and the resultant report submitted to SAHRA for commenting.

Geigher, S. October 2017. Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment Report Heritage Impact Assessment for the Mining Rights Application located on Portion 11 and Portion 34 of the Farm Cyferfontein 457 KR in the Waterberg District Municipality of the Limpopo Province.

The author undertook a field survey of the proposed quarry and identified a graveyard that will not be affected. The author recommends that the area is demarcated by danger tape with a buffer zone of 35 m during the construction phase of the mine. No map of the location of the graveyard relative to the open cast pit was provided in the report, along with the survey tracklog. Furthermore, the author recommends that the mine development is approved without the necessary palaeontological assessment even though the proposed mine is located in a high to moderate palaeontological sensitivity zone.

The HIA submitted to the case does not comply with the minimum standards for HIA report guidelines, 2007. SAHRA notes that the development has already received its environmental authorisation without SAHRA issuing comments for the proposed development, and that the commenting period has ended. However, the burial ground identified within the mine right area is still generally protected under section 36 of the NHRA. This site should not be damaged or disturbed by any mining activities. The record of decision by the competent authority must be submitted to the case, along with all the environmental documents associated with the EA.

The following conditions still apply:

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In the event that fossils are uncovered during construction then construction must cease within the immediate vicinity, a buffer of 30 m must be established and a palaeontologist called in to inspect the finds. The palaeontologist must obtain a section 35(4) permit in terms of NHRA and Chapter IV NHRA Regulations, before any fossils are collected.

If there are any new heritages resources are discovered during construction and operation phases of the proposed development, then a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the findings at the expense of the developer.

If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required at the expense of the developer. Mitigation will only be carried out after the archaeologist or palaeontologist obtains a permit in terms of section 35 of the NHRA (Act 25 of 1999). You may contact SAHRA APM Unit for further details: (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Phillip Hine 021 202 8652).

If any unmarked human burials are uncovered and the archaeologist called in to inspect the finds and/or the police find them to be heritage graves then mitigation may be necessary and the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit must be contacted for processes to follow (Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490).

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/444495>

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.