

Omdraai S24G Rectification of the unlawful cultivation of vineyards across small streams on Kakamas North Settlement no 343, Augrabies.

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Final Comment

In terms of Section 38(4), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

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Clearance of approximately 19.8hectares of vegetation and across small streams on Kakamas North Settlement no 343, Augrabies, Northern Cape.

Pieter Badenhorst Professional Services has been appointed by Valam Boerderye (Pty) Ltd to conduct a Section 24G rectification application for the cultivation of vineyards across small streams on Kakamas North Settlement 343, Augrabies, Northern Cape Province. A S24G Assessment Report has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations.

The S24G Report notes that the surrounding area was assessed by heritage specialists and Stone Age tools were identified, however no heritage assessment report has been submitted as per section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

In an Interim Comment issued on 05/04/2018, SAHRA requested that a report conducted in terms of section 38(3) of the NHRA be submitted for comment as per section 38(8) of the NHRA as part of the S24G process. The heritage assessment must assess all heritage resources as defined in section 3 of the NHRA that would have been present before the cultivation of the vineyard.

An Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) and a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption from Palaeontological Studies was submitted to the case, however these reports assessed the following properties: Farm 1726, 1537 and 1290, Augrabies.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit does not accept the AIA or PIA submitted to the case, as the current application has not been assessed. SAHRA cannot endorse this application and advises the Northern Cape Department of Environmental and Nature Conservation (DENC) to reject the 24G application to rectify cultivation of vineyards on Kakamas North Settlement no 343, Augrabies, Northern Cape

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This comment must be forwarded directly to the competent authorities and proof of the submission and receipt thereof must be provided to SAHRA.

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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