



Final Comment

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

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CONSULTATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 40 OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT 28 OF 2002) FOR THE APPROVAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN IN RESPECT OF A PORTION OF KAKAMAS SUID NO 28 ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT: KENHARDT.

Thank you for your indication that development is to take place in this area.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years and structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority.

In terms of Section 38(8) of the NHRA, before any development proposed in terms of the MPRDA (2002) is approved, it is incumbent on the developer (or mine) to ensure that any potential impacts to heritage resources are assessed to the satisfaction of the relevant heritage authority. Appropriate mitigation, which involves recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed, may be required depending on the nature and significance of the resources identified.

The information in the EMP indicates that the proposed site has been previously mined and no topsoil is present in the proposed area. There is therefore little chance of the proposed mining impacting on heritage resources. No heritage resources were identified in the proposed mining area.

It is therefore unlikely that any significant impacts on heritage resources will result from the proposed mining as the area has been previously disturbed by historical quarrying activities.

Consequently, SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology & Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objection to the proposed mining on the condition that if any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, marine shell and charcoal/ash concentrations), unmarked human burials, fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA APM Unit (Jenna Lavin/Colette Scheermeyer 021 462 4502) must be alerted immediately, and a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.

This exemption is only valid for the mining permit applied for in this submission.



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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:

(DMR, Ref: NCS 30/5/1/3/3/2/1/10020 MP)

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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