

**AIA FOR THE PROPOSED TRANSNET HEYSTERKRAND RAILWAY LOOP  
PROJECT IN THE BOJANALA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, NORTH WEST  
PROVINCE**

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## **Interim Comment**

**In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

Attention: Mr Neels Kruger  
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### **ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (AIA) OF DEMARCTED AREAS ON A PORTION OF RHENOSTERFONTEIN 86JQ FOR THE PROPOSED TRANSNET HEYSTERKRAND RAILWAY LOOP PROJECT IN THE BOJANALA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, NORTH WEST PROVINCE**

EOH Coastal and Environmental Services has been appointed by Transnet Group Capital to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application process for the proposed Heysterkrand Rail Loop, near Mogwase, North West Province. A Basic Assessment Report (BAR) will be completed in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2017 NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed development will include the construction of a 1.4 km rail loop along the existing railway line. The construction activities will also include doubling of the existing line and installation of culverts, stockpiling and site camp.

Exigo Sustainability has been appointed to provide heritage input into the BAR process.

*Kruger, N. 2018. Archaeological Impact Assessment: Proposed Transnet Heysterkrand Railway Loop Project in the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality, North West Province.*

One heritage resource was identified in the proposed development area i.e. a historical culvert.

Recommendations provided in the report includes the following:

- The historical box culvert will require a permit before alterations can be completed;
- Monitoring of all phases of the project by the Environmental Control Officer (ECO) is recommended. Should any subsurface paleontological, archaeological or historical material, or burials be exposed during construction activities, all activities should be suspended, and the archaeological specialist

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should be notified immediately.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes that the proposed development is located in an area of insignificant sensitivity in terms of paleontological resources. Therefore, no further assessment of the impact to paleontological resources is required. The draft BAR and appendices must be submitted to the SAHRIS Case application so that an informed comment may be issued.

Further comments will be issued upon 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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### **ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/503982>

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