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## Final Comment

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

Attention: Mr Pieter J Fourie  
O'okiep Copper Company Ltd

#### Investigation of existing copper bearing dumps near Okiep and Carolusberg. Northern Cape.

Site Plan Consulting has been appointed by O'Okiep Copper Company to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for sampling of existing mine dumps near Caroulsberg, Northern Cape Province.

A draft Basic Assessment Report (dBAR) will be submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, no 107 of 1998 (NEMA), NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 28 of 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended).

The DBAR notes that no heritage will be impacted, however no Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) has been submitted in terms of section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA or section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

In an Interim Comment issued on the 07/06/2019, SAHRA requested that a HIA inclusive of an archaeological component be submitted as part of the EA process. No further assessment of palaeontological resources was required.

The Agency for Cultural Resources Management was appointed to provide heritage specialist input into the EA process.

*Kaplan, J. 2019. Recommended Exemption, Archaeological Impact Assessment, Investigation of Existing Copper Bearing Dumps near Okiep and Carolusberg, Nama Khoi Municipality, Northern Cape Province.*

The specialist noted that several HIAs previously conducted in the area had identified very few heritage resources. The development area was found not to be sensitive for heritage resources. No further recommendations were provided.

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The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 3(4) of the NEMA Regulations and section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be included in the Final EIA and EMPr:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections to the proposed development;
- 38(4)b – No specific conditions are provided for the development;
- 38(4)c(i) – If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)d – See section 51(1) of the NHRA;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:
  - i) If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA;
  - The Final BAR and EMPr must be submitted to SAHRA for record purposes;
  - The decision regarding the EA Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application.

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/523498>  
(DMR - NC, Ref: NC30/5/1/1/2(00025)BP)

**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.