



## Interim Comment

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

Attention: Route 7 Trading 105 CC  
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### **PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF OF ROUTE 7 TRUCK DEPOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF STORAGE, SERVICING AND WASHING OF ROUTE 7 TRUCKS ON HOLDING 174 AND 175 ELOFF SMALL HOLDINGS, EXTENSION I.R., DELMAS, MPUMALANGA.**

Thank you kindly for submitting the Draft BAR for the above project to SAHRA for comment in terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999). The application is for the construction of the Route 7 Truck Depot in Eloff, Mpumalanga.

In the Draft BAR, on page 45 under the heading "Sites of archaeological and cultural interest", it is indicated that "a site walk-through of the proposed development was undertaken to identify possible archaeological, cultural and historic sites within the proposed development areas. No obvious features, sites, graves or artefacts of cultural significance that could be impacted on by the proposed development were found."

While SAHRA agrees that the proposed development is unlikely to impact on significant archaeological or built environment heritage resources due to the previously disturbed nature of the area, no indication of the qualifications or heritage knowledge of the individuals conducting the walk-through has been provided. This information is required in future.

In terms of palaeontological resources, the submitted Geo-technical Report indicates that the area proposed for development consists of clayey sand overlying weakly cemented ferricrete. The site is underlain by the sandstone, shale and coal beds of the Vryheid Formation of the Ecca Group. This formation is renowned for its wealth of plant fossils. It is therefore likely that the proposed development will impact on significant palaeontological resources.

As such, SAHRA requires that a Palaeontological Impact Assessment report be completed and submitted to SAHRA for assessment. This report should be inclusive of an assessment of impacts to all palaeontological resources by a suitably qualified practitioner, and an assessment of their significance.

SAHRA looks forward to receiving the Palaeontological Impact Assessment report and will provide a Final Comment on this proposed development before the project can commence.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted





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above in the case header.

Yours faithfully



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**ADMIN:**  
(MDEDET, Ref: 17/2/3 N-62)

**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.

