



Letter

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

Attention: Msobo Coal
50 Hoy Street
Breyten
2330

Notification of Intent to Develop: The Harwar Colliery near Breyten, Mpumalanga

Digby Wells Environmental. February 2013. Heritage Statement for the Harwar Colliery.

Thank you for the above Heritage Statement submitted in support of the proposed extension of the Msobo Coals existing Tselentis operation in Mpumalanga.

The proposed project area covers 10 000ha and was previously granted prospecting right in 2008. This site is a Greenfields area and will therefore have to be rezoned for mining.

The site is situated at the edge of the Highveld Coal Field which forms part of the Karoo Basin. The predominant rocks in the area are sedimentary rocks of the Ecca Group which contain the coal-bearing Vryheid Formation. This formation is known to contain plant fossils and is therefore palaeontologically significant.

According to the heritage statement, the landscape is primarily agrarian with significant time depth. The likelihood of the proposed development impacting on significant heritage resources is therefore quite high.

SAHRA therefore requires that a Heritage Impact Assessment report be completed and submitted to SAHRA for assessment. This report should be inclusive of an assessment of impacts to archaeological resources and an assessment of impacts to palaeontological resources by suitably qualified practitioners. This assessment of heritage resources must satisfy Section 38(3) of the NHRA.

The requested Archaeological Report must identify all archaeological resources and assess their significance and make recommendations (as indicated in section 38(3) of the NHRA) about what mitigation may be required.

A Palaeontological study must be undertaken to assess whether or not the development will impact upon significant palaeontological resources. Alternatively, a letter of exemption from a Palaeontologist is required to indicate that this is unnecessary. If the area is deemed sensitive or if significant heritage is identified, a full Palaeontological Report may be required.

The impacts of the proposed development on any other heritage resources such as built structures over 60



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years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and significant cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed.

SAHRA looks forward to receiving this heritage report and will provide comment before the project can commence.

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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