Mkhuhlu Traffic Training Academy

Our Ref: 16/5/1 Mkhulu Traffic Academy

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Final Comment

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

Attention: Department of Public Works, Roads & Transport Private Bag x 1313
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Proposed establishment of Mkhuhlu Traffic Training Academy on the remainder of the Farm Calcuta 294KU, Mpumalanga Province

Van Wyk Rowe, C. April 2013. Proposed traffic training academy in the remainder of Farm Calcutta 294 KU, Mkhuhlu, Bushbuckridge, Mpumalanga Province.

The above heritage report and accompanying Draft BAR were submitted to SAHRA for the proposed development of a Traffic Training Academy including lecture rooms, training facilities, administrative offices, accommodation and recreational facilities. The proposed development will cover 5ha of the 25ha property.

The area proposed for development is situated 1km from the border of the Kruger Nation Park and is currently zoned for agriculture but will be rezoned for industrial use. The site has not been occupied since 1967 and is currently used for cattle grazing, firewood collection and the dumping of refuse.

According to the submitted heritage report, no heritage resources of any significance were found on the property. An informant indicated the possible existence of a grave on the property and identified its likely location (see Appendix 3 of the Heritage report), however the heritage report was unable to verify its existence.

No assessment of the impact of the proposed development on palaeontological resources was submitted.

Final Comment:

Based on the information contained in the Heritage report and in the Draft BAR, it is unlikely that the proposed development will impact on significant heritage resources. As such, SAHRA has no objection to the proposed development on condition that;

- 1. The area identified in the heritage report as the possible location of the grave site must be avoided by the proposed development.
- 2. 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.



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Should it not be possible to adhere to the above conditions, the applicant must consult with SAHRA regarding the reasons for non-compliance. We look forward to hearing from you.

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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South African Heritage Resources Agency

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Direct URL to case: http://www.sahra.org.za/node/123009

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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.

