## **Overlooked Colliery**

Our Ref: 16/5/1 Overlooked Colliery

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## **Interim Comment**

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

Attention: Cabanga Concepts

Postnet Suite 470 Private Bag X3 Northriding

2162 Overlooked Colliery (Pty) Ltd Heritage Impact Assessment Report for the proposed mining of the farm Halfgewonnen 190 IS Portions RE, 5 & 17 in the magisterial district of Bethal, Mpumalanga

Van Vollenhoven, A. March 2013. A Report on a Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment for a proposed mining right application at the Overlooked Colliery, between Bethal and Hendrina, Mpumalanga Province

The above report was submitted to SAHRA for the application for mining right for the Overlooked Colliery located on Farm Halfgewonnen 190 IS. No indication of the scope of the proposed development, the layout or the required infrastructure was provided in the submitted heritage report. No indication was provided regarding the extent of the proposed development.

The area investigated for heritage resources in this report has been previously disturbed by agricultural activities. The likelihood of the proposed development impacting on significant archaeological material is therefore low.

Two heritage resources were identified in the above report. Site 1 is a burial ground containing approximately 21 burials dated to between 1949 and 1983. Underground mining is proposed for this area and therefore limited impact is anticipated. Site 2 is a historical farm werf consisting of two houses, a wagon shed and a historical post office. This resource has a proposed grading of 3B.

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

## **Interim Comment**

Thank you for submitting the above assessment however additional information is required. Please provide SAHRA with the following information before a Final Comment can be issued;

- 1. An assessment of the impact of the proposed development on palaeontological resources is required.
- 2. Details of the scope of the proposed development, the layout and the required infrastructure is required in addition to information regarding the extent of the proposed development.
- 3. Please note that the heritage resources identified in the above report must not be disturbed by the proposed development and must remain *in situ*. As such, the proposed mine layout must take these identified resources into consideration.
- 4. A Conservation Management Plan is required for the identified graves and structures in order to ensure their conservation into the future. This CMP must be included in the EMP.



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SAHRA looks forward to receiving the above documentation before issuing a Final Comment.

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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Direct URL to case: http://www.sahra.org.za/node/123996

