

Final Comment

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

Attention: Greenmined Environmental

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Application for mining permit of 1.5ha for aggregate on a portion of portion 7 (remaining extent) of the farm De Roodepoort 435, IS, Mpumalanga

Van der Walt, J. October 2013. Archaeological Impact Assessment For the proposed Mine on De Roodepoort 435, IS, Mpumalanga Province

Almond, J. October 2013. Recommended Exemption from further Palaeontological Studies: Proposed Aggregate Mine on Portion 7 of Farm Roodepoort 435 near Ermelo, Mpumalanga

Thank you for submitting the above studies for the application for mining permit of 1.5ha to a depth of approximately 30m for aggregate on a portion of portion 7 (remaining extent) of the farm De Roodepoort 435, IS, Mpumalanga, using blasting by means of explosives.

According to the submitted studies, no sites of heritage significance were identified in the proposed quarry footprint. However, approximately 96m to the north west of the proposed quarry site, a stone-walled settlement was identified, associated with undecorated ceramics. Although this site is unlikely to be directly impacted by the proposed mining activities, it has some heritage significance and must therefore be conserved.

According to the palaeontological assessment, the proposed quarry area is situated within the Karoo Dolerite Suite which has low palaeontological significance. It is therefore unlikely that the proposed quarry will impact significant palaeontological heritage.

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Based on the submitted information, SAHRA has no objection to the proposed mining as it is unlikely that significant heritage resources will be impacted by the proposed mining activities on condition that;

- The stone-walled site identified in the archaeological report may not be directly or indirectly impacted by the proposed activities and must remain conserved *in situ*.
- Should 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.

It is noted that all structures older than 60 years (S. 34), all archaeological and palaeontological material and sites (S. 35), as well as all burial grounds and graves older than 60 years (S. 36) are generally protected in terms of Part 2 of the National Heritage Resources Act and as such, permission from the relevant heritage authority is required before any of these resources may be altered or destroyed.

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/127424>
Edit view (DMR, Ref: MP30/5/1/3/2/10399MP)

Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.

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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.



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