



## Final Comment

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

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### Consultation in terms of section 40 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 2002, (Act 28 of 2002) for the approval of an environmental management plan for mining permit of aggregate stone on remainder of the farm Smartt No.314, situated in the Magisterial District of Kuruman.

Transnet is proposing to upgrade the railway line from Hotazel to Kimberley and then De Aar in the Northern Cape to the port of Ngqura in the Eastern Cape. This EMP details the recommissioning of an existing borrow pit to facilitate this upgrade along the Hotazel to Kimberley portion of the railway line. The existing borrow pit is located in close proximity to the Witloop Station and is situated on private land.

Heritage Impact Assessments, Palaeontological Impact Assessments as well as a Heritage Management Plan have been completed for the entire route upgrade. SAHRA has previously provided comment on these studies.

According to the information submitted in the EMP, this borrow pit is located 7km south of Hotazel. Traces of colonial grave sites and settlements are known from this area however none were identified in the vicinity of the borrow pit. The site has been extensively disturbed by previous borrow pit activities.

The borrow pit site is underlain by Kalahari Group sediments. While numerous fossils have been known to originate from these sediments, in general, this geological formation has low palaeontological significance.

### Comment

Based on the information provided, it is unlikely that the proposed recommissioning of the existing borrow pit will impact on significant heritage resources. As such, SAHRA has no objection to the proposed use of the borrow pit on heritage grounds as long as the recommendations contained in the Heritage Management Plan are implemented.

Should any new evidence of archaeological sites or artefacts, palaeontological fossils, graves or other heritage resources be found during development, construction or mining, SAHRA and an archaeologist and/or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be alerted immediately.

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



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Yours faithfully

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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.



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