



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) in respect of aggregate stones for the approval of an environmental management plan for a borrow pit on portion 1 of Farm No.299 situated in the magisterial District of Kimberley, Northern Cape Region.

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 borrow pit in question falls within the rail reserve in close proximity to the Ariesfontein Station.

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 is an existing borrow pit and as such, there is unlikely to be any significant heritage resources in the immediate vicinity of the borrow pit site. Heritage sites located in the broader vicinity of the borrow pit will not be impacted by the excavation of the borrow pit.

The borrow pit site is underlain by Early Precambrian marine carbonate rocks of the Campbell Rand Subgroup, known for their prolific fossil record of stromatolites.

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



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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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