



Final Comment

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

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Proposed sand mining operation on a 1.5Ha portion of the Remainder of the Farm Steinkopf No 22 in the Namaqualand District of the Northern Cape

We have received notification of your application for an environmental management plan in respect of a proposed sand mining operation on a 1.5Ha portion of the Remainder of the Farm Steinkopf No 22 in the Namaqualand District of the Northern Cape.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. Before such sites are disturbed by development, or mining, it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment is done in terms of Section 38(8) of the NHRA. This report must assess the impact of the proposed development on heritage resources and must provide possible mitigation measures, which may involve recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed.

According to the information provided in this EMP, it is unlikely that any significant impacts on heritage resources will result from the reworking of the existing mine dump as the area has been extensively disturbed by previous mining activities.

Consequently, SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology & Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objection to the proposed sand mining on the condition that 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.

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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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/133936>
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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.

