Proposed construction of a road from Blaauwskop to R359

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Final Comment

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

Attention: Kai! Garib Municipality Private Bag X6 Kakamas 8870

The construction of a road and associated infrastructure to link Blaauwskop Community with the existing R359 road. The construction phase will mainly consist of the clearance of the proposed road area, levelling of proposed road area, implementation of storm water management measures, construction of a bridge, preparation of proposed road surface, paving, etc. Northern Cape Province.

Rossouw, L. July 2013. Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment of a proposed new road at Blaauwskop near Upington, NC Province

The above assessment was submitted for the proposed development of a road and associated infrastructure to link the Blaauwskop community with the existing R359 road. The proposed road will be 7m wide with a road reserve of 33m to accommodate pedestrian traffic. The proposed development includes the construction of a concrete bridge over a man-made water channel, as well as concrete culverts and 1.5m high stock proof fence. The preferred alternative route is approximately 440m long as opposed to 660m long.

The submitted Heritage Impact Assessment identified no heritage resources within the footprint of the proposed development. It is therefore unlikely that the proposed development will impact on significant heritage resources.

Final Comment

As such, SAHRA has no objection to the proposed development and no further heritage studies are required.

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.

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/134305

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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.

