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Letter

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

Attention: Transalloys (Pty) Ltd

Proposed Establishment of the Coal-Fired Power Plant and Associated Infrastructure at Transalloys near Emalahleni, Mpumalanga

To whom it may concern,

Response to Authority Comment request on the Phytoremediation Implementation Project for Transalloy (Pty) Ltd

Thank you for informing SAHRA in the email dated 08 September 2023 on the phytoremediation project that Transalloy (Pty) Ltd is undertaking as a condition of the Environmental Authorisation (EA). It is noted that JK2 Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed to oversee the implementation of this project.

The authority BID uploaded to the case notes that the project involves the planting of a mix of grasses and trees as part of the remediation project.

Four heritage sites including a large cemetery were identified in previous HIA reports and the authors recommended conservation of the sites *in situ*. Recommendations provided in the most recent HIA report include the following:

The Heritage Management Plan proposed by Van Vollenhoven in 2014 be drafted to cover the ongoing conservation and management of the burial ground identified as well as the initiation sites for the duration of the Construction and Operational Phases;

Chance Fossil Finds and general Chance Finds procedures have been recommended to be implemented.

The response to SAHRA comment notes that community leaders have been assured that the proposed development would not impact on their burial grounds and initiation sites.

These recommendations still apply.

The proposed remediation activities will not impact on the identified heritage resources however, a buffer of 10m around the cemetery and 5 from the initiation sites must be maintained for tree planting.

Access to the burial grounds and initiation sites must not be impeded by the proposed planting.

The HMP must include monitoring to ensure that there is no over growth of plants into these sites.



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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: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/145880>
(DEA, Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/97)

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.



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3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.