

Our Ref: 16/5/1 Greenside Colliery Discard Facility

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## Letter

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

Attention: Anglo Operations (Pty) Ltd  
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### **Draft Scoping Report for the proposed construction of a new Greenside Colliery discard dump and associated infrastructure to be located on portions 0, 2, & 3 of the farm Groenfontein 331 JS, Emalahleni Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province.**

Thank you for submitting the Draft Scoping Report for the proposed construction of a new Greenside Colliery discard dump and associated infrastructure to be located on portions 0, 2, & 3 of the farm Groenfontein 331 JS, Emalahleni Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province.

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999), any proposed development that requires an application in terms of NEMA or the MPRDA must have an assessment of impacts to heritage resources completed as part of the application process. The relevant heritage authority must determine whether the assessment done in terms of impacts to heritage resources satisfies our requirements and must provide comments or recommendations to the decision-making authority.

According to the submitted documentation, the existing Greenside Colliery requires a new discard dump as the existing discard dump is not able to accommodate discards for the full life of the mine. The existing Greenside Colliery has been in operation since 1998 and as such, the area proposed for development has been previously impacted by mining activities. However insufficient information has been provided for SAHRA to assess the impact of the proposed development on heritage resources.

As such, SAHRA requires that a Heritage Impact Assessment be conducted.

This heritage impact assessment must assess the impact of the proposed prospecting on all heritage resources including, but not limited to, archaeological heritage, palaeontological heritage, rock art, any significant structures and intangible heritage. This assessment must not only assess impacts in terms of the development footprint, but must also assess broader, indirect impacts to heritage that may result from the proposed development.

The quickest process to follow for the archaeological component would be to contract a specialist (see [www.asapa.org.za](http://www.asapa.org.za)) to provide a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment Report. The Phase 1 Impact Assessment Report will identify the archaeological sites to be impacted and assess their significance. It should also make recommendations (as indicated in section 38 of the NHRA) about the process to be followed. For example, there may need to be a mitigation phase (Phase 2) where the specialist will collect or excavate material and date the site. At the end of the process the heritage authority may give permission for destruction of the sites.

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A Palaeontological Field assessment study must be undertaken to assess whether or not the development will impact upon significant palaeontological resources. If necessary a Phase 2 rescue operation might be required (see [www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za](http://www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za)).

Any other heritage resources that may be impacted such as built structures, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed.

This assessment must satisfy SAHRA's minimum requirements for impact assessments and must comply with the requirements in Section 38(3) of the NHRA and as such, this assessment must provide recommendations regarding the mitigation of any identified direct and indirect impacts to heritage resources.

SAHRA looks forward to receiving this assessment before commenting further on this proposed development.

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/146119>  
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# DRAFT SCOPING REPORT GREENSIDE COLLIERY - NEW DISCARD FACILITY



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an agency of the  
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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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