

Proposed reopening of an existing borrow pit at Mothibistad near Kuruman in the Northern Cape

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Final Comment

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

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The proposed project entails re-opening of an existing borrow pit (BP 1) alongside the D300 in the small village of Mapoteng near Mothibistad (Ga-Segonyana Municipality), situated about 12kms north east of Kuruman in the Northern Cape Province. BP1 (about 1.5 ha in extent) has already been extensively quarried and rehabilitated (Figure 3). The intention is to reopen and slightly widen the existing borrow pit in order to exploit additional source material (mainly calcrete) for the regravelling of roads in the village of

Thank you for informing SAHRA of the proposed extension of an existing borrow pit situated along the D300 near Mothibostad in the Northern Cape. This borrow pit covers approximately 1.5ha and has been previously extensively quarried and rehabilitated. The borrow pit is to be used to gravel roads in the village of Mapoteng.

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. This means that before such sites are disturbed by development it is incumbent on the developer (or mine) to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment is done. This must include the archaeological component (Phase 1) and any other applicable heritage components. Appropriate (Phase 2) mitigation, which involves recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed, must be done as required.

However, based on the submitted documentation, SAHRA agrees that it is unlikely that the proposed mining activity will impact on significant heritage resources.

Final Comment

Based on the submitted information, SAHRA has no objection to the proposed development as it is unlikely that significant heritage resources will be impacted.

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



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Yours faithfully

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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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