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**Letter****In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**Attention: Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development**CONSULTATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 40 OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT 2002, (ACT 28 OF 2002) FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN (EMP) FOR MINING PERMIT ON CURRIES CAMP NO. 457, SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF GORDONIA, NORTHERN CAPE REGION.**

We have received notification of your application for an environmental management plan with respect to Borrow Pits on the above property.

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) 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.

It noted that a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment and a Letter of Exemption from palaeontological assessment has been undertaken for this EMP. Please note that these studies are still to be submitted to SAHRA for review and commenting. This must be done before authorisation is granted.

SAHRA will provide further comment on this application as soon as the specialist studies are submitted.

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/167012>  
(DMR, Ref: NC30/5/1/3/2/00005MP)

**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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