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 Department of Arts and Culture

## Interim Comment

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

Attention: Charl Jacob Du Plessis

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**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 FOR MINING PERMIT ON PORTION OF REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 3 OF THE FARM PAARDE VALLEY NO.145, SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF DE AAR, NORTHERN CAPE REGION. APPLICANT: Charl Jacob Du Plessis**

Thank you for your indication that development is planned to take place in this area.

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 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.

It is noted in point 2.2.3 that no archaeological or other heritage resources were identified, however, no indication of a professional is given. According to the EMP the proposed mining is located in an area already heavily disturbed by previous mining.

The farm Paarde Valley 145 was surveyed by Dr David Morris for the Ilanga Lethemba PV Solar facility (<http://www.sahra.org.za/cases/ilanga-lethemba-pv-solar>). A number of Stone Age sites as well as graves and a homestead were identified on the property.

Considering that the area is an existing quarry and the fact that it is of low palaeontological sensitivity (<http://www.sahra.org.za/map/palaeo>) no further action is required in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act No. 25 of 1999).

If archaeological/palaeontological or any other types of heritage resources are found during mining activities,



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SAHRA APM (Colette Scheermeyer/Phillip Hine, tel. 021 462 4502) or an archaeologist/palaeontologist dependent on the nature of the finding, must be alerted immediately. If the newly discovered heritage resource is considered significant a rescue operation may 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



Phillip Hine  
Heritage Officer



Colette Scheermeyer  
SAHRA Head Archaeologist  
South African Heritage Resources Agency

**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/169845>  
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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.