

Final Comment

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

Attention: Kai! Garib Municipality
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The proposed construction of a cemetery on Portion 213 (a portion of Portion 173) of the farm Neilersdrift 34, Northern Cape Province.

Rossouw, L. Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of a proposed new cemetery on portion 213 (a portion of portion 173) of the farm Neilersdrift 34, Lennertsville, NC Province.

A new cemetery is proposed on Portion 213 (a portion of Portion 173) of the farm Neilersdrift 34, Northern Cape Province. According to the Draft Basic Assessment the existing community cemetery is nearly ninety percent full and the need for a new one is urgently required.

Previous heritage assessments undertaken by Dr J van Schalkwyk and Mr Stephan Gaigher did not identify significant heritage resources in the area. The current heritage assessment was undertaken by Dr Lloyd Rossouw. It is noted that the property is 3.2 hectares in size, and is situated about 6 km south of Keimoes and 2 km south of the Neilersdrift township. According to the report the area is underlain by weathered Keimoes Suite granite kneiss and a thin layer of gritty brown topsoils composed of an admixture of weathered bedrock, calcretes and Kalahari sands. The author indicated that underlying granite bedrock is not palaeontologically sensitive.

The survey did not identify any significant heritage resources, however, the author noted a few lithics including five diagnostic artefacts, identified as individual surface occurrences.

Decision:

As there is apparently no evidence of any significant archaeological material in this area, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has no objection to the development (in terms of the archaeological component of the heritage resources) on condition that, if any new evidence of archaeological sites or artefacts, palaeontological fossils, graves or other heritage resources is found during development, construction or mining, SAHRA and an archaeologist and/or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be alerted immediately.

No further heritage studies are required.

The following corrections are necessary for the draft BAR:

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- page 16 of draft BAR "*possible damage to paleontological or heritage material*" will need to be changed to '*possible damage to palaeontological and archaeological resources*'
- page 16 of draft BAR "SAHRA will be notified should traces of any paleontological or heritage material be found during construction" will need to be corrected to "*SAHRA will be notified should traces of any paleontological or archaeological resources be found during construction*"

The EMPr do not make provision for the accidental discovery of archaeological, palaeontological or any other categories of heritage resources, with the notable exception of graves. Please note that page 12, section 6 *Recommended management and mitigation measures during the decommissioning / closure phase*:

- SAHRA is not competent authority with regard to burials within a municipal cemetery governed by a local municipality. Decision in this regard should be referred to the local municipality.

SAHRA has no objection to the Lennertsville cemetery and no further heritage studies are required.

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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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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