

Final Comment

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

Attention: Tekplan Environmental
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AIA FOR THE TSHAMAHANSI CLUSTER SECONDARY BULK WATER SUPPLY, MOKOPANE, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

Under sections 34, 35 and 36 of the National Heritage Resources Act (25 of 1999) heritage resources are protected. These resources are for instance burial grounds, unmarked and marked graves that are older than 60 years, built structures that are older than 60 years old, archaeology (stone tools, stone walled sites, prehistoric and historic pottery sherds, ash grounds etc.) and palaeontology (fossils of plant and animal material).

Thank you for submitting the HIA for the Sekuruwe and Seema water pipeline cluster were assessed as requested and the Heritage Impact Assessment Reports were uploaded to the case. This comment will be on the following reports referenced below; however we note that there is no assessment report for the Phafola cluster.

Van der Walt. September 2015. Archaeological Impact Assessment Report, for the Seema Secondary Bulk Water Supply, Mokopane, Limpopo Province.

The Seema residential cluster water pipeline development was evaluated and 3 cemeteries and 5 stone walled sites were identified. The cemeteries lie outside the proposed development area; however some stonewalled sites will be impacted by the construction of the water pipelines.

Field No. 640,641 and 643 are stone walls with a surface scatter of undecorated pottery. These is rated as low significance.

Van der Walt, September 2015. Archaeological Impact Assessment, for the Sekuruwe Secondary Bulk Water Supply, Mokopane, Limpopo Province

The Sekuruwe residential cluster was assessed and the proposed water pipeline will impact on 1 of the heritage features, which is the stone walled site located in the road servitude. This site is rated of low significance. There was also a cemetery that was documented, the cemetery is fenced and located 20m away from the proposed water pipeline construction.

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit agrees with the recommendations made in the heritage reports referenced and has no objections to this proposed development on the following conditions:



- SAHRA still requires for the Phafola Residential Cluster to be assessed and an HIA submitted to SAHRA, before constructions begin in that area.
- All cemeteries should be fenced and a 20m buffer zone around the perimeter of the cemetery should be adhered to at all times. Also there should be an archaeologist present for monitoring purposes during ground clearing and excavations.
- A Mini Conservation Plan needs to be submitted to SAHRA detailing the monitoring programme during ground clearing and excavations.
- The stone walled sites named Field No. 640,641 and 643 in the Seema residential cluster need to be mapped and mitigated; the mapping of the sites should be done and submitted to SAHRA as part of the permit application for mitigation.
- If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments and charcoal/ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed activities, 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, and a permit will be needed before mitigation. You may contact SAHRA APM Unit for further details: (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Phillip Hine 021 202 8652),
- and if any unmarked human burials are uncovered then please contact the SAHRA BGG Unit (Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490).

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/183202>

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.

