

Interim Comment

In terms of Section 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

Thank you for informing SAHRA of the proposed Tshamansi water pipe line development in the area of Mokopane. The water pipe line will be located on the remaining extent of the farm Rietfontein 240 KR; remaining extent of the farm Turfspruit 241 KR; Portions 1 and 3 of Tweefontein 238 KR; remaining extent of Rietfontein 2 KS. The pipe line is proposed to be no more than 12 km in length.

Van der Walt, J. 2014. *Archaeological Impact Assessment for the Tshamahansi Cluster Secondary Bulk Water Supply, Mokopane, Limpopo Province.*

Mr van der Walt conducted a field based survey of the proposed water pipe line development in November, particularly for the Tshamahansi Cluster. The BAR has assessment for all the other Cluster water pipe line developments; notably the Seema Cluster, the Phafola Cluster, the Sekuruwe Cluster.

Eight heritage resources were located during the field survey of the water pipe lines for Tshamahansi Cluster. 4 separate stone cairns and 4 cemeteries. This area in previous developments has uncovered unmarked human remains.

Cairn A to C: poorly defined stone cairns, some of the stone. There is no indication that they may be graves, thus the significance of these sites are listed as low. These stone cairns are located in an undisturbed area. However if any graves are uncovered in this area then construction must stop and an archaeologist called in to inspect the finds.

Cemetery A: This cemetery lies just 10m away from the proposed construction, this site consists of 4 unmarked stone packed graves and two other graves belonging to the Mashia family. It is not clear if this graveyard is fenced.

Cemetery B: This cemetery consists of Maselela family graves, with granite headstones, they are fenced off and located 66m away from the proposed water pipe line route.

Cemetery C: This cemetery consists of 4 graves with granite headstones, two of them date to 1943 the others are stone packed. This cemetery lies in the proposed water pipe line corridor. The proposed development will negatively affect this cemetery.



Cemetery D: This cemetery is located 9m away from the water pipe line corridor. The grave is from 1963 and it is protected against damage by the Local Municipality and the Human Tissues Act (65 of 1983).

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SAHRA cannot make comment for this proposed development due to conflicting information. The BAR and EMP plan is for 4 clusters however the heritage report only assessed the Tshamahansi cluster. Clarification needs to be made about which water pipe lines plans will be carried out, Also a heritage impact assessment will need to be carried out for all the proposed pipe line routes.

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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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/183202>

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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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