

Interim Comment

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

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AIA FOR THE TSHAMAHANSI CLUSTER SECONDARY BULK WATER SUPPLY, MOKOPANE, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

Thank you for uploading the second heritage report for this proposed development of the Bulk water supply pipe lines.

Hutton, M. November 2013. *Tshamahansi Water Supply Infrastructure Project, Proposed Water Supply Infrastructure for the Residential Cluster of Tshamahansi in the Mogalakwena Local Municipality, Waterberg District, Limpopo Province.*

Mr Hutton in November 2013 undertook a field assessment of the village of Tshamahansi to inspect the proposed Tshamahansi cluster water pipe line development. On the route of the pipe line, various heritage resources were identified. The water pipe line is proposed to be located on Rietfontein 2 KS, the 140mm pipe line is proposed to be 1.7km in length and the 350mm pipe line is proposed to be 2,6km in length.

The heritage site found is listed as:

MPL001- which is a Zion church insignia on the top of nearby hill outside of the Tshamahansi village. The proposed water pipe line is intended to stop well before reaching the insignia thus no impact is envisaged.

From the SAHRA Official comment that was issued on 4 Feb. 2015 stated that a final comment cannot be issued due to there being no field based assessments for the Seema Cluster, Phafola Cluster and Sekuruwe Cluster.

- Seema Cluster water pipe line is located on Portion 12 of the farm Sterkwater 229 KR and the remaining portion of the farm Gezond 235 KR.
- Sekuruwe Cluster water pipe lines are located on Portions 1 and 2 and the remainder of the farm Armoede 823 LR and Portion 9 of the farm Gillimberg 861 LR.
- Phafola Cluster water pipe lines are located on the remaining portion of the farm Drenthe 778 LR.

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Both Heritage Impact Assessment are for water pipe lines located in the Tshamahansi village, as seen in the maps.

The BAR clearly states some construction activities to be in other farms which were not included in the initial HIA assessments. SAHRA cannot issue a Final Comment to this case until a HIA is conducted for all the water

pipe line cluster. Mokopane is known for its rich cultural heritage and SAHRA believes that there may be a possibility of graves and other archaeological material being uncovered during construction.

The basic assessment only states that there are no foreseen heritage resources in the area. Without a field assessment SAHRA does not understand how such a conclusion came about. Thus SAHRA still requires a field based Heritage Impact Assessment to be conducted by a professional archaeologist, the compiled report should be submitted to SAHRA for official review before construction can take place.

SAHRA awaits the requested heritage reports before any further comment is issued to the case.

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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