

Final Comment

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

Attention: Henk Moen
De Groote Boom Minerals (Pty) Ltd

De Grooteboom Mining Permit Application and Associated Environmental Management Plan

A Heritage Impact Assessment was handed in to the De Grooteboom Mining Permit application on SAHRIS as per SAHRA's comment of 14 May 2015.

Higgit, N. and J. Du Piesanie. April 2015. De Grooteboom Mining Permit Application and Associated Environmental Management Plan, Heritage Impact Assessment.

The author undertook a field assessment of the proposed development with the aim of finding and documenting any heritage resources located within and surrounding the proposed development. There were 6 heritage resources identified and their significance assessed.

Site SA/001: This site is a surface stone tool scatter of low significance. The scatter seems to be deposited by a nearby eroding embankment about 80m from the proposed power line route.

Site IA/002: This site is a single potsherd scatter of low significance.

Site IA/003: This site consists of 2 decorated potsherds near an erosion gully, it is of low significance.

Site IA/004: This site consists of undecorated potsherds and MSA stone tool flakes in an erosion gully, also of low significance.

Site IA/005: This site is of low significance activity area.

Site St/006: Low density of potsherds, this site is of low significance.

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit have no objections to the proposed development on condition that the following are implemented before construction and during construction:

That a professional archaeologist is hired to monitor ground clearing and construction of the offices and PCD, and ground clearing for the Mining area, the haul road and the power line routes and stockpile area.

The gully where the stone tools were eroding out (Site SA/001) should be avoided at all times, if it will be

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impacted by the proposed development then a phase 2 mitigation permit must be applied for to SAHRA by a professional archaeologist.

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, SAHRA APM Unit (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Colette Scheermeyer 021 462 4502), and unmarked human burials contact the SAHRA BGG Unit (Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately, and 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.

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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Heritage Officer
South African Heritage Resources Agency

ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/266680>

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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