

Final Comment

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

Attention: Legeo Pty Ltd

Department of Mineral Resources application in terms of Section 22 of the Act for a Mining Right to mine for sand on on the Remainder of Portion 1 of the farm Vogelstruisfontein 263-IQ.

Lengeo (Pty) Ltd proposes to establish and construct the Vogelstruisfontein Sand Mine to mine 12m deep plaster sand and stone aggregate to an extent of 368.25 ha on Portion 1 and a portion of Portion 6 of the farm Vogelstruisfontein 263 IQ, Randfontein Local Municipality, Gauteng 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).

Gaigher, S. October 2014. Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Vogelstruisfontein Sand Mine.

The author undertook a field survey of the proposed development with the aim of finding and documenting any heritage resources located in and around the proposed prospecting area. No heritage resources were identified during the field survey, thus no negative impacts are foreseen.

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit exempt the development from commissioning a Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) although the palaeontological sensitivity of the proposed location is *Low to Moderate*, the mine will be excavation gravel sands with no fossil potential and the bedrock is not fossiliferous rock (<http://www.sahra.org.za/sahris/map/palaeo>).

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has no objections to the proposed development on condition that the following must be adhered to:

- 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/267853>

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.

