Bosveld Phosphates SSP Plant

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

Attention: Bosveld Phosphates (Pty) Ltd

The construction and operation of a SSP plant to manufacture Single Super Phosphate fertilizer on Farm Wegsteek 30 LU, Ba-Phalaborwa Local Municipality, Mopani District Municipality

Bosveld Phosphates (Pty) Ltd proposes to establish fertiliser facilities, which process superphosphates from phosphate rocks and sulphuric acid located on farm Wegsteek 30 LU, Phalaborwa Local Municipality, Limpopo Province. The area proposed for development lies within existing Phosphate processing plant, the area also has undisturbed land areas.

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).

Stegmann, L and Roodt, F. February 2015. Phase 1 Heritage Resources Scoping, Report SSP Plant Ba-Phalaborwa, Limpopo.

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 development area. There were no heritage resources that were found during the survey. The area has been significantly modified by the existing Phosphate processing plant.

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit will exempt the development from commissioning a Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) because the area in which the proposed development is underlain by unfossilferous rock and the palaeontological sensitivity is *insignificant* (http://www.sahra.org.za/sahris/map/palaeo).

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit have no objections to this proposed development on the following conditions:

- 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



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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

Nokukhanya Khumalo

Heritage Officer

South African Heritage Resources Agency

ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: http://www.sahra.org.za/node/289671

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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.

