



Interim Comment

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

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Notice of Intent to Develop: Zandbaken Coal Mine, near Standerton, Mpumalanga Province.

Karodie, S., Higgitt, N., & Nel, J. November 2012. Amended Heritage Statement For The Zandbaken Coal Mine Project, Zandbaken 585 IR, Sandbaken 363 IR And Bosmans Spruit 364 IS, Standerton, Mpumalanga

Xstrata Coal proposes the development of an underground coal mine on the farms Zandbaken 585 IR, Sandbaken 363 IS and Bosmans Spruit 364 IS, within the Gert Sibande District Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. The project location is currently a greenfield area and is approximately 2 890 hectares in size, with the proposed mining to impact on 22.82 ha.

The submitted amended documentation is a desktop study focussed on identifying the likely heritage resources to be impacted by the proposed mining.

Based on the information in the submitted report, SAHRA agrees with the recommendations provided in the report that a Heritage Impact Assessment is required. This assessment must focus on the impact of the development footprint on heritage resources as well as on the broader visual impact of the proposed development.

As such, the requested HIA must include the following;

- An Archaeological Impact Assessment
- A Palaeontological Impact Assessment
- A Visual Impact Assessment
- An assessment of the impact of the development on built environment resources
- A focussed assessment of the impact to burial grounds and graves
- Appropriate mitigation measures

SAHRA will await the above requested studies before commenting further.

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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