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

Attention: Zitholele Consulting

Zitholele Consulting (Pty) Ltd

P O Box 6002 Halfway House

INTEGRATED AUTHORISATION (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENSE APPLICATIONS) FOR THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE ASH DISPOSAL FACILITY FOR CAMDEN POWER STATION

CAMDEN ASH HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT ADDENDUM I 2015/12/07 the second addendum of an original Heritage Impact Assessment Report name: Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment, First Phase Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Extension to the Camden Ash Disposal Facilities (03/12/2011).

SAHRA has commented on the first addendum posted on the 17th of September 2015, the Final Comment was published on 2015/10/12.

A second addendum about graves in and around Camden Ash Disposal Facilities with more information was uploaded to the case. The first Heritage Addendum mentioned that there were 15 graves. However more graves sites were identified, a recent rectangular stone building ruin, and a Later Iron Age (LIA) stone walled site. These additional findings occur after a grass fire revealed more sites, as the original survey was done when grass cover was high.

Site 1: 21 graves all informal stone packed graves, it was initially thought that it was 15 graves.

Site 2: 2 stone packed graves with stone cairns on top, these graves are within the Eskom distribution power line.

Site 3: graveyard, extension of site 2.

Site 4: Stone walled site with some circular hut foundation, no ash deposits visible, thought to be related to near by LIA site. This site is located just outside the proposed facilities boundary.

Site 5: 5 possible graves.

Site 6: Rectangular stone ruin dating later than 1985.

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SAHRA Archaeology Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit agrees with recommendations with the Heritage Impact Assessment Addendum 1 2015/12/07.

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A permit for the relocation of the graves needs to be applied to the Burial Ground and Graves Unit of SAHRA, the contact details for further information are: Itumeleng Masiteng, **Tel: 012 320 8490, Email:** imasiteng@sahra.org.za.

The LIA site must be monitored during construction close to the site, to prevent any damage to the site. The monitoring should be done by a professional archaeologist and a monitoring report should be uploaded to the case.

- If any other 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, 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, and a permit will be needed before mitigation. You may contact SAHRA APM Unit for further details: (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Phillip Hine 021 202 8652).

All the recommendations and conditions within this comment should be incorporated into the Environmental Management Program report (EMPr) for implementation.

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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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.