

# Waste Management License for the Operation of the existing unlicensed Williston Landfill Site

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## Final Comment

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

Attention: Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality  
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**The Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) commissioned a study in 2007, completed in 2009, that aimed at identifying and determining the number of waste disposal facilities in South Africa that are not licenced. Of a total of 581 sites that were identified, 431 needed to be licensed. It was evident from the study that Local Municipalities (LMs) did not have adequate training or funding for lodging applications to licence their unlicensed waste disposal facilities or the management thereof. The Minister undertook to begin the process of licencing these sites, with a target that all would be licenced by 2013/2014. Subsequently, the DEA has identified an additional 57 municipal waste disposal facilities which must be licensed during the 2014/15 financial year. The licensing of the Williston landfill falls within the scope of this process. The existing Williston landfill is located approximately 1500 m south west of the Central Business District (CBD) of Williston. The landfill is situated on Erf 255, Portion 0 Remaining Extent (RE), directly west of the Williston water treatment works (Surveyor-general Cadastral Code 21 digit site C02600030000025500000). The existing Williston landfill with a footprint area of approximately 116,880 m<sup>2</sup> is currently unlicensed. The site is not fenced with no access control or effective waste management being undertaken. Waste disposal is currently taking place via trenching. No liners are installed and once waste is disposed of, the municipal employees burn the waste. Abattoir waste (blood, intestines, skins and carcasses) are dumped along with the general domestic waste. Some Urine Diverted System sludge is also dumped in the trenches. Although waste disposal quantities are not noted, it is estimated that approximately 20m<sup>3</sup> of waste per month is disposed of at the facility.**

The Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) appointed Sustainable Environmental (Pty) Ltd (SE Solutions) and AECOM SA (Pty) Ltd to prepare the necessary applications for a Waste Management License for the existing un-licensed Williston Municipal Waste Disposal Facility. A Draft Scoping Report was completed as part of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process in compliance with the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008) as amended (NEMWA), the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended (NEMA) and the EIA Regulations, 2014. As a requirement of the license, liners and storm water management infrastructure must be constructed, and this will occur within the application area.

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The Draft Scoping Report did not identify any impact to heritage resources as the application area has been previously disturbed by the waste activities and all activities will occur within the application area.

**Final Comment**

Based on the information provided, it is unlikely that significant heritage resources will be impacted by the proposed Waste Management License Application and required infrastructure, and is exempted from further heritage studies. The following additional conditions must be adhered to and must form part of the final EMPR:

- A Chance Finds Procedures must be developed for the project to ensure that standard protocols and steps are followed should any heritage and/or fossil resources be uncovered during the construction phase of the project. These procedures should outline the steps and reporting structure to be followed in the instance that heritage resources are found. Should heritage resources be uncovered during the construction phase of the project, all work in the area must cease immediately and be reported to SAHRA.
- In future, should the licensed landfill site require authorization for activities such as the construction of storm water management infrastructure outside the application area, the expansion of the landfill site or any other activities outside the application area, SAHRA must be notified of the development in terms of section 38 (1) and 38 (8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999) (NHRA).

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.