Berlin Plantation, Farm Mjuba 508 JT

Our Ref: 9/2/248/0004

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Letter

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

Attention: Komatiland Forests Private Bag X 11201 NELSPRUIT 1200

Komatiland Forests requested that the rock art site at Berlin plantation be assessed and management guidelines drawn up.

Van Wyk Rowe, C. (August 2012). Specialist Report for Phase 1 Archaeological / Heritage Impact Assessment, Survey and Management Guidelines for Majuba 1 Rock Art Site: Berlin Plantation, Kaapsehoop, Mpumalanga

Thank you for sending SAHRA the above report assessing the status of the Majuba 1 Rock Art Site (also known as the Kaapsehoop Rock Art Site) and providing management guidelines for the sites continued conservation.

The rock art site under assessment is situated within commercial pine and gum plantations under the jurisdiction of Komatiland Forests. The site is overgrown and indistinct stone walling is visible below the site. There may once have been archaeological deposit associated with the rock art and the stone walling as is evidenced by the clay potsherds at the site, however this deposit has been extensively disturbed and little remains.

The rock art site is situated on a large pinnacle type boulder in mountainous terrain overlooking a valley. The rock art site is divided into four panels and the figures presented are mostly faded or indistinct with extensive damage from chipping.

SAHRA commends you on the pro-active approach you have taken towards managing the heritage resources on your property and is in support of the management guidelines proposed in the above report.

In addition, SAHRA requests that an annual report be submitted to SAHRA that outlines the findings of the proposed annual audit by the heritage specialist on the state of conservation of the Majuba 1 site.

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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- 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.

