



## Final Comment

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

Attention: Eskom - NWOU

#### Draft Basic Assessment Report for the Bighorn Substation Extension

SAHRA issued an Interim Comment (15/04/2013) with regard to the construction of the 12-429 Bighorn Substation, near Marikana, North West Province. SAHRA approved the development in terms of the archaeological component of the heritage resources, however a palaeontological assessment was requested for this project.

After re-reviewing the application with the help of the SAHRA palaeontological sensitivity map (<http://www.sahra.org.za/map/palaeo>), the proposed substation site is located in an area of insignificant palaeontological sensitivity. No further action is therefore required in terms of both the archaeological and palaeontological component of the heritage resources, although all other recommendations contained in the interim comment must be implemented.

Decision:

1. The recommendation that the Marikana massacre site not be encroached and a buffer zone of 50 meters implemented is supported.
2. The poorly preserved structures are considered to be of low significance. Please note that decisions on Built Environment (e.g. structures over 60 years) and Cultural Landscapes and associated Living Heritage (e.g. sacred sites) must be made by with the Provincial Heritage Authority for North West Province (Mr Mosiane Mothlabane, email: [mosianem@nwpg.gov.za](mailto:mosianem@nwpg.gov.za), tel. 018 388 2826).
3. The cemetery must be retained *in situ* and fenced off. A Conservation Management Plan must be developed for the ongoing management and conservation of this cemetery.
4. If the recommendations made in the specialist report and in this comment are adhered to, the SAHRA. Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has no objection to the development (in terms of the archaeological and palaeontological component of the heritage resources. If any new evidence of archaeological sites or artefacts, palaeontological fossils, graves or other heritage resources is found during development, construction or mining, SAHRA (Mr Phillip Hine/Mrs Colette Scheermeyer, tel. 021 462 4502) and a professional archaeologist/palaeontologist must be alerted immediately.

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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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/116746>

**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.

