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## Letter

### In terms of Section 35 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mr G Govender

Eastern Cape - Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism  
Private Bag X5001  
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**The Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT) is responsible for managing coastal areas as well as establishing Estuarine Management Plans in the Eastern Cape. The DEDEAT has appointed Habitat Link Consulting (Pty) Ltd (HLC) to develop an Estuarine Management Plan (EMP) for the Kowie Estuary, located in Port Alfred, within the Ndlambe Local Municipality.**

The Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage (MUCH) unit at the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) would like to thank you for submitting the Final Situation Assessment Report (SAR) for the development of an Estuarine Management Plan (EMP) for the Kowie Estuary, in Port Alfred in the Eastern Cape, South Africa.

Although it is not a legislative requirement that SAHRA issues a comment during this process, as set out in the 2021 National Estuarine Management Protocol (NEMP), there are MUCH resources within the Kowie Estuary that SAHRA is mandated to protect.

The letter that was issued on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2022 on the Draft SAR made mention of several additions to be made to the SAR and SAHRA is pleased to see that these have been incorporated into the Final SAR. SAHRA looks forward to receiving the Draft EMP and to see how heritage has been considered therein.

Please note that all updates and/or changes to the project, supporting documentation, correspondence, reports, or any other work relating to the project must be uploaded to the case on SAHRIS to provide SAHRA with the opportunity to comment. SAHRA does not accept emailed documents or hard-copy documents received via post.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted

# DEVELOPMENT OF AN ESTUARINE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE KOWIE ESTUARY

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above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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Heritage Officer  
South African Heritage Resources Agency

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South African Heritage Resources Agency

## ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/592144>

## 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.