



## Letter

### In terms of Section 35(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mr Anton Pelser  
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**Archaeological Excavation of LIA Stone Walled Site to be impacted by the development of the ESKOM Tubatse Switching Station located on Portion 5 of the farm Luipershoek 149JS, near Steelpoort, Steelpoort Valley, Mpumalanga Province Applying for Destruction Permit now as archaeological mitigation has been completed.**

*Pelser, A., January 2014. A Report On The Archaeological Investigation Of Late Iron Age Stone Walled Sites Impacted On By The Eskom Steelpoort-Tubatse Swithching Station Located On Portion 5 Of The Farm Luipershoek 149js, Near Steelpoort, Limpopo.*

Dear Mr Pelser,

SAHRA has received and assessed the final Phase 2 report which was submitted in fulfillment of condition five of permit ID 606.

SAHRA is satisfied with the report and finds it commendable that a limited excavation and shovel test pits were undertaken.

To ensure that we strive towards the better recording of sites, SAHRA would like to highlight the following points to be taken into consideration in the drafting of future reports:

- the mapping of the site is not as detailed as SAHRA would wish. While SAHRA appreciates that Figure 12 represents the position of features on the site, no explanation is provided regarding what each of these features are, making it difficult to understand the extent and the characteristics of the site. A drawn plan of the site would have been useful. Moreover, this would have fulfilled the requirement of s.16(3)(b) and (c) which requires that:

*The permit holder must submit to SAHRA a systematic report concerning the excavation or removal,*



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containing (...)

- a detailed plan of the site on which excavated or collected areas are clearly indicated

- accurate scale drawings of the stratigraphy in each excavation (...) with notes detailing the position of the object(s) in relation to the stratigraphy;

- the report refers to both Site 12 and Site 13, however, these are mere representations of the section of the site affected by the Eskom Towers 12 and 13 rather than separate archaeological sites *per se*. SAHRA suggests that in future, if the archaeologist is of the opinion that the sites represent one settlement, one single name should be used. The relationship between the different sections of the settlement should also be clearly indicated.

SAHRA is satisfied with the description of the cultural material.

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:

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