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## Final Comment

**In terms of Section 38(4), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

Attention: WLS Trust

**The proposed application for a mining permit for a quarry on the remainder of farm de Hoop 320 approximately 16km south-west of Bloemfontein in the Free State. The quarry will be mining dolerite for aggregate material.**

Eko Environmental was appointed by WLS Trust to undertake the Environmental Authorisation Application for the mining of dolerite on the Remainder of the Farm De Hoop 320 situated approximately 19 km south west of Bloemfontein, Free State.

The SAHRA APM issued letter dated 18/08/2020 which noted the dBAR submitted for Environmental Authorisation and requested that the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) referred to therein be submitted before the issuing of further comments.

On the 23/11/2020, a final BAR along with the requested HIA were submitted to the case for review.

Palaeo Field Services has been appointed to provide heritage specialist input as part of the EA Amendment application report as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

*Rossouw, L. Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment proposed new quarry on remainder portion of Farm De Hoop 230, Bloemfontein, FS Province*

The development footprint is underlain by palaeontologically insignificant dolerite intrusions that are buffered by well-developed superficial deposits considered to be of low to very low palaeontological sensitivity. As far as the overall palaeontological heritage is concerned, likelihood of palaeontological impact resulting from this development is considered non-existent.

There is no above-ground evidence of building structures older than 60 years, Stone Age archaeological remains, graves or material of cultural significance within the confines of the development footprint. As far as the archaeological heritage is concerned, the proposed development is considered to be of low archaeological



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significance.

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The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 3(4) of the NEMA Regulations and section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be sent to the Competent Authority to be included in the Environmental Authorization (EA);

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections to the proposed development;
- 38(4)b – The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. No further additional specific conditions are provided for the development;
- 38(4)c(i) – If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Sityhilelo Ngcatsha/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)d – See section 51(1) of the NHRA;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:
  - i) If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA;
- The response of the Competent Authority to the request to include the comments in the EA must be sent to SAHRA for record purposes.
- The decision regarding the EA Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application.

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

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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.