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Enquiries: Sello Mokhanya

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Final Decision

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

Attention: Dr Mike Cohen
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Port Elizabeth
6070

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF AN AIRSTRIP AND FAMILY LODGE AT KWANDWE PRIVATE GAME RESERVE IN THE ALBANY DISTRICT, EASTERN CAPE

Kwandwe Private Game Reserve has proposed the construction of a landing strip on Ptn 3 (Koodoos Run) (a Ptn of Ptn 2) of the Farm Nooitgedagt No 92 near Grahamstown, in the Makana Municipality, Eastern Cape. The proposed runway will be 2kms long and 25m wide, tarred and fenced, with the clear zones, of approximately 75m, grassed or vegetated with low growing cover.

The archaeologist conducted a site survey that considered the location of the proposed landing strip and possible locations for a family lodge. These two applications have since been separated and the lodge will be handled in a separate Basic Assessment process. This comment refers only to the landing strip proposal.

Very little artefactual material was noted in the vicinity of the proposed landing strip, even though the ground visibility was good. Artefacts identified included occasional Later Stone Age silcrete stone tools and a large lower grinding stone near a drainage channel. Further from the drainage channel were two weathered hornfels Middle Stone Age stone tools, which were deemed to be out of context and therefore of low heritage significance. There were no other heritage resources identified in the area and some disturbance has already occurred due to agricultural activities and existing landing strips. However, the archaeologist notes that freshwater mussel middens may occur in the study area.

Case Decision:

The ECPHRA has no objection the proposed development may proceed. However we support the recommendations of the author as per the AIA report.

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





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Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sello Mokhanya'.

Sello Mokhanya
Heritage Officer
Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority

ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/104456>
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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 ECPHRA immediately.
3. ECPHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.

