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Final Comment

In terms of Section 9(3)(f), 9(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mr JIMMY CHAUKE
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REQUEST FOR COMMENT ON PROPOSAL TO DEACTIVATE A FIREARM THAT BELONGED TO WINNIE MADIKIZELA-MANDELA FOR EXHIBITION PURPOSES IN THE NEW MUSEUM IN BRANDFORT TOWN AT MAJWEMASWEU TOWNSHIP, LEJWELEPUTSWA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, FREE STATE PROVINCE.

SAHRA has reviewed the request for comment submitted by the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture (DSAC): Heritage Promotion and Preservation on behalf of the newly established Winnie Mandela Museum in Brandfort, Free State. The purpose of the request pertains to the deactivation of a firearm (Pistol with Serial Number: V00318), owned by the late Winnie Madikizela-Mandela. The intention is that this firearm will be exhibited within the Museum.

The firearm is not rare, and therefore from a technological and scientific conservation point of view, there is no reason to keep it in a fully functional condition. However, given its cultural and historical significance in the context of the museum, it is more important to exhibit the firearm in safe and secure conditions in the museum. The current Firearms Control Act, 60 of 2000 (as amended) (FCA), allows for a firearm to be deactivated in such a manner that the moving parts could still be demonstrated – refer to FCA, section 19, 150 and any other relevant section.

To mitigate potential opportunistic theft, the firearm should be clearly (but discretely) marked indicating that it is deactivated.

Based on the above rationale, SAHRA supports the proposed deactivation. The DSAC may proceed with the application to the South African Police Service (SAPS) to deactivate the firearm associated with the late Winnie Mandela.

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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Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/598599>

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.