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## Interim Comment

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

Attention: Cliff Path Action Group

### **A pedestrian path in Poole's Bay, Hermanus of approx 850m built mostly between the HWM and LWM**

The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) would like to thank you for submitting the Draft Basic Assessment Report for the Poole's Bay connection path to Hermanus Cliff Path, Hermanus, Western Cape.

SAHRA initially commented on this project in July 2019 but due to unforeseen delays the process was restarted and updated documents were resubmitted in January 2021 for comment.

As the proposed path lies below the high-water mark it therefore falls under the remit of the Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage Unit at SAHRA. The DBAR has seen no changes relevant to the work below the HWM, therefore the comment issued in 2019 remains the same and is detailed below.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999 (NHRA), heritage resources, including maritime and underwater cultural heritage sites older than 60 years fall under the protection of the act. Section 34 of the NHRA, states that these sites may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority.

There are no known heritage resources lying along the route of the proposed pathway that would be affected by the works. The tidal pool and hotel pool that are situated along the route are older than 60 years of age and as such any impact on them as part of this project would require a permit. However the documents provided indicate that the proposed pathway will not have any effect on these heritage resources and therefore a permit is not required.

SAHRA would like to advise that should any structures or shipwreck remains older than 60 years be uncovered during the proposed works, they must be notified immediately so that further advice can be given regarding complying with heritage legislation.

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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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**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.