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Final Comment

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

Attention: Peter Flower
City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality

Proposed temporary (2 year duration) development of a desalination plant and related intake and outtake pipelines in Hout Bay Cape Town

SAHRA would like to thank you for submitting the Notification of Intent to Develop for the proposed desalination plant at Hout Bay, Cape Town.

SAHRA has been asked to comment on the possible disturbance of any maritime heritage during the construction of the desalination plant particularly in respect to the installation of the pipeline for the abstraction of seawater. The existing outfall pipe will be incorporated for use in the project and a new seawater abstraction pipe is to be installed.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, No 25 of 1999 (NHRA), Sections 2 and 35 stipulates that any wreck, being any vessel or aircraft or any part thereof older than 60 years old lying in South Africa's territorial waters or maritime cultural zone is protected and falls under the jurisdiction of SAHRA's Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage Unit. These heritage sites or objects may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority.

With regard to maritime and underwater cultural heritage it is important to note that the number of known shipwrecks along the South African coast is approximately 2800. The positions of the large majority of these are not known, only that they occurred and an approximate location. The nearest recorded wrecks with known locality information lie approximately 1.2km away from the proposed abstraction pipe and are those of the fishing trawlers the Aster and the Katsu Maru 25 which were scuttled in 1997 and 1978 respectively. As these are not older than 60 years of age they fall outside the remit of the NHRA. These wrecks lie near to the existing outfall pipeline which will be utilised as part of this project.

While there are no known shipwrecks within the development area there is always the potential for unknown wrecks or shipwreck material to be uncovered during the works. Should anything of archaeological or paleontological significance be exposed during the proposed project, work must cease immediately and SAHRA must be informed of its discovery without delay. In this event, work may not commence until feedback

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has been received from SAHRA.

If cultural heritage material is discovered in the development area and is at risk of damage or disturbance as the result of the works associated with the desalination plant, a permit shall be required in order for the works to continue. SAHRA may impose no-go zones for development on the basis of the presence of cultural heritage 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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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.