



Interim Comment

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

Attention: Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality
P.O. Box 11
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Proposed development of the Koedoeskloof Landfill site near Uitenhage

van Ryneveld, K., December 2010. Development of the Koedoeskloof Landfill Site, Uitenhage Eastern Cape, South Africa

The Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality is proposing the upgrade of an existing landfill site near Koedekloof. The project entails the expansion of the airspace within the existed permitted boundary of the landfill, the construction of a 1.5km long culvert, the erection of a new security boundary fencing, the construction of the storm water cut-off drain and of a first waste disposal cell.

SAHRA requested a heritage impact assessment comprehensive of an archaeological and a palaeontological impact assessment in October 2010, when the Background Information Document was received. The archaeological impact assessment was received by SAHRA in December 2010, while the palaeontological impact assessment had not been undertaken yet.

The specialist reports that the visibility of the site is at times hampered by thick vegetation of the Sundays River thicket. However, according to the author, the survey was a good representation of the heritage resources that may be identified on site. Amongst the identified sites, only three are protected under the National Heritage Resources Act: two of them are buildings older than 60 years and one of them is a Middle Stone Age scatter with a low artefact ratio per meter square.

SAHRA recommends that:

since the Middle Stone Age scatter is of low significance, no mitigation is required;

- should any impact on the two built structures occur, the Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority should be consulted (Tel: 043 642 2811).
- a palaeontological impact assessment is conducted, as requested in October 2010
- if any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, marine shell and charcoal/ash concentrations), unmarked human burials, fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the establishment of the landfill, the Eastern Cape provincial Heritage Resources Agency (Mr Sello Mokhanya, Tel: 043 642 2811) must be alerted immediately, and an accredited professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, according to the must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological





significance a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.

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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ADMIN:

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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.

