Kriel Beneficiation Plant

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Final Comment

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

Attention: P de Wet Anglo American Inyosi Coal (Pty) Ltd (AAIC) P.O. Box 61587 Marshalltown 2107

Kriel Colliery Beneficiation Plant

Van Vollenhoven, A. April 2012. Report On A Heritage Impact Assessment For The Proposed Benefication Plant At Kriel Colliery, Mpumalanga Province.

Anglo American Inyosi Coal (Pty) Ltd. is proposing the construction of the Kriel Beneficiation Plant on Portion 8 and 31 of the farm Driefontein 69 IS. The plant will be behind the Kriel Ash Dam. Additional infrastructure will be required; this includes,

- two pollution control dams;
- bulk fuel storage facilities;
- a sewage treatment plant;
- water management infrastructure;
- a conveyor to the Eskom stockyards;
- electrical power from existing feedlines;
- potable water feeding line from existing feed line

No archaeological resources were identified during the field survey. However, a cemetery with fourteen graves was identified. Only three graves had legible inscriptions and these date to between 1919 and 1928. The author indicated that according to the current plans the Beneficiation Plant will not have an impact on the cemetery, although no clear map showing this was included in the assessment. In the report is also not specified how far the development will be from the identified burial ground. However, SAHRA has assessed the Draft Scoping Report and according to the plans presented in it, the graveyard should not be affected by the development.

Decision:

SAHRA has reviewed the report submitted and recommends the following:

- that the cemetery be retained in situ. For this purpose a proper fence must be erected around the cemetery with access gates to allow visits from relatives and friends. The fence must be at least 2 meters from the perimeter of the graves. No development is allowed within 20 meters of the cemetery. The graves should also be restored and cleaned where these are dilapidated and overgrown. A conservation management plan must be compiled and submitted to SAHRA BGG Unit (Mr Troy Phili, Tel: 012 362 2198 and tphili@sat.sahra.org.za



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- Since no palaeontological assessment was done for this project, it is recommended that such a study be undertaken as soon as possible or at least a letter of exemption will be required from a professional palaeontologist indicating that such a study is not necessary.
- 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 mining activities, SAHRA APM Unit (Mr Phillip Hine or Mrs Colette Scheermeyer, Tel: 021 462 4502) must be alerted immediately, and an accredited professional archaeologist 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

Phillip Hine

Heritage Officer

Colette Scheermeyer

SAHRA Head Archaeologist

South African Heritage Resources Agency

ADMIN:

(DMR, Ref: 30/5/1/2/3/2/2/235MR) (MDEDET, Ref: 17/2/3 N-122)

Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for



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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.

