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Final Comment

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

Attention: National Department of Public Works

Maintenance and Repair of Infrastructure Elements at Laaiplek Harbour, Erf number 807, Velddrift, Bergvliet Local Municipality, West Coast District Municipality, Western Cape

Aurecon South Africa Pty Ltd was requested by the Coega Development Corporation (CDC) on the behalf of the Department of Public Works to undertake the coastal engineering infrastructure activities Work Package 3 of the Proclaimed Fishing Harbours Western Cape Development Programme, also known as the small harbours programme. This work package includes the harbour at Laaiplek.

Laaiplek Harbour contains a main wooden wharf with a quay approximately 330m in length and a number of smaller jetties as well as two slipways. The proposed works will entail the repair and maintenance of existing harbour structures, no expansion of the existing footprint will occur as a result of these works.

The project involves the following aspects:

- repairs to concrete structures;
- replacement of the wooden quay;
- replacement of the shore crane;
- dredging of the harbour basin;
- the removal of 2 sunken vessels.

The South African Heritage Resources Agency would like to thank you for submitting the Site Specific Maintenance Management Plan (MMP) for Laaiplek Harbour, Velddrift, Bergvliet Local Municipality, Western Cape.

SAHRA first issued a comment on the project in April 2017 in response to the Notification of Intent to Develop. It was noted that none of the proposed works required further input from SAHRA as the harbour infrastructure and the sunken vessels were not older than 60 years. The proposed dredging also did not exceed beyond a depth that was previously dredged.

**Coastal Engineering Infrastructure Activities – Proclaimed Fishing Harbours
Work Package 3: West Coast – Laaiplek (Velddrift)**

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SAHRA did however recommend that any dredged material should not be disposed of near a known shipwreck site and that should any historic material be exposed during the works then we should be notified immediately. SAHRA is pleased to note that these recommendations have been taken into account and are included in the MMP.

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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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/388251>

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.