



## **Interim Comment**

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

Attention: Mr Stephen Badenhorst  
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### **Exxaro Leeuwpan Coal EIA and EMP Consolidation Project**

Exxaro proposes the consolidation of several Environmental Management Plans for the existing Leeuwpan Colliery, near Delmas, Mpumalanga Province. The heritage report submitted formed part of the scoping assessment. Seventeen sites of heritage significance were identified during the assessment. Some of the sites described in the report had been identified during previous assessments undertaken by Dr J. Van Schalkwyk and Dr J. Pistorius. Six new sites were identified during the field assessment for the current project. The heritage resources identified include the following:

- Thirteen cemeteries
- Four sites relating to the Built Environment

#### Decision

Considering the significance of the heritage resources identified; the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit requires the following information in order to make informed comments:

- All sites identified in the project are must be properly mapped in relation to the mining infrastructure and development;
- The four sites related to the Built Environment must be properly documented, i.e. with site photographs, field descriptions and assessments of their significance as this has not been done in the current study;
- A palaeontological assessment must be undertaken or a letter of exemption must be provided by a professional palaeontologist that will indicate why such a study would be unnecessary.

SAHRA will make further recommendations in terms of the heritage resources as soon as the requested information is supplied.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted





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above in the case header.

Yours faithfully



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Heritage Officer



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Colette Scheermeyer  
SAHRA Head Archaeologist  
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**ADMIN:**

(DMR, Ref: MP30/5/1/2/2/171MR) (MDEDET, Ref: 17/2/3N-180)

**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.

