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Interim 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

The proposal to construct temporary desalination facility on the Monwabisi Resort situated on Erf 544RE Khayalitsha Cape Town. The application is one of a few Desalination Plants proposed as a result of the current drought in Cape Town and the Western Cape Province, due to the low rainfall received during 2016 and 2017. Western Cape

SAHRA would like to thank you for submitting the Notification of Intent to Develop for the proposed desalination plant at Monwabisi, 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 pipelines for the intake and discharge of seawater and the associated intake zones.

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. False Bay and the surrounding coastline is an area where many ships were wrecked. The nearest recorded wreck is that of the Drietal Handelaars which ran aground at Swartklip Rocks in 1789, the Monwabisi tidal pool is located on Swartklip Rocks. While the exact location of the Drietal Handelaars is not known, it remains a possibility that shipwreck material may remain.

SAHRA therefore requires that the area outside of the tidal pool which will be affected by the development, namely the installation of the two offshore pipelines, must be surveyed with the aim of identifying locations where historic material may be present. This survey should take the form of a visual or divers survey by

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suitably qualified divers aimed at identifying any cultural heritage material including but not limited to wooden or metal shipwreck remains, any historical objects or artefacts and any other potential historic material. Should any such material be identified during the survey, a visual record should be taken and the results must be sent to SAHRA for review.

If any remains are confirmed as shipwreck material the affected site may need to be excluded from any development or disturbance. 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 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.