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## Final Comment

### In terms of Section 8(2) [Sec 38(8)] of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

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### Proposed new office for the South African Environmental Observation Network on the site of the South African Observatory, Observatory, Cape Town

Thank you for submitting the proposed development is for a new office for the South African Environmental Observation Network (SAEON) to the SAHRA Built Environment Unit . A single storey mono-pitched building comprising two rectangular blocks and linking element with a total footprint of 286m<sup>2</sup> located in the south-east quadrant of the Observatory. A workshop/garage and informal gravelled parking areas for 14 parking bays. (Winter; 2017) The following documents were assessed as part of the application:

#### HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT:

SOUTH AFRICAN ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY ERF 26423-0-2, OBSERVATORY, CAPE TOWN NEW OFFICE FOR SOUTH AFRICAN ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATION NETWORK (S.Winter)

SAAO New Offices: Council Submission Drawing: C\_0006 Scale: 1:100@A1 Date: 2017-07-21

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SAAO New Offices: Council Submission Drawing: C\_0001 Scale: 1:500@A1 Date: 2017-07-21

SAHRA approves the Alterations and Additions to the South African Astronomical Observatory provided that all heritage related principles are followed along with the recommendations set out in the Heritage Report and the Heritage Design indicators in part. F on page.23 of the report are to be followed to ensure that the heritage significance of the site is not negatively impacted upon. SAHRA is of the view that a construction management should form part of the of the application and a closing report be submitted to SAHRA once construction project is concluded. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Ben Mwasinga Manager:Built Environment Unit at [bmwasinga@sahra.org.za](mailto:bmwasinga@sahra.org.za) and Mr. Gcobani Sipoyo, Heritage Officer at [gsipoyo@sahra.org.za](mailto:gsipoyo@sahra.org.za).

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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:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/406800>

**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.