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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 35 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Simon's Town Marina Company

The applicant proposes to replace the outdated structure with a buoyant jetty structure which will act as a breakwater structure and will provide additional parking bays for visiting yachts. The structure will be made buoyant with two 800mm steel pipes and will be anchored to the sea bottom by means of concrete blocks and a more environmental friendly mechanism named Seaflex. The expanded area will have a length of 330m and a width of 3m resulting in an expanded area of 990 square meters. Simon's Town, City of Cape Town, Western Cape

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed upgrade of the Simon's Town Marina breakwater. SAHRA has read the Draft Basic Assessment Report with interest.

While we support the proposed upgrade of the existing structure through the installation of a floating jetty, we do have a concern about potential impacts from the mooring blocks for the system on cultural heritage material that may exist on and in the seabed in the vicinity. While we do not expect any shipwreck remains in the area of the proposed work, Simon's Bay has been an anchorage for since the 1680s and cultural heritage material related to this is known to occur on the seabed across the bay. This consists mainly of items either lost overboard from vessels, or deliberately dumped into the bay. Such material has and continues to be encountered on or in the seabed of the bay. This material is protected under the terms of Section 35 of the National Heritage Resources Act.

To ensure that any such material in the footprint of the proposed works is not destroyed or damaged, SAHRA requires that prior to any work to upgrade the breakwater, an archaeological survey of the area to be affected is undertaken by a suitably qualified archaeological specialist. We suggest that this survey takes the form of a diving swim-over survey of the development footprint, with particular attention paid to the positions of the mooring blocks, and that any material identified and at risk of loss or damage from the development is recovered by the archaeologist, according to standard maritime archaeological practice. Any such recovery of material will require a permit from SAHRA.

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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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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.