



Letter

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

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Proposed new extension to cemetery at Alheit near Kakamas, Northern Cape

Dreyer, C. November 2012. *First Phase Archaeological and Heritage Assessment of the Proposed New Cemetery at Alheit near Kakamas, Northern Cape*

The above report has reference. The Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit is concerned that the report does not fulfill the requirements of the Minimum Standards for Archaeological and Palaeontological Impact Assessments, that have been circulated to all ASAPA members; we further drew attention to this matter in a recent letter to all ASAPA members (12 September 2012). These Minimum Standards are endorsed by ASAPA.

Due to the amount of time that SAHRA staff lose to attempting to review inadequate reports, we have indicated to ASAPA members that we will no longer accept reports that do not comply with the minimum standards SAHRA has set out for AIA report writing.

This report met very few of the minimum standards, but the lack of background research and literature review, project description and methodology are particularly disconcerting. Furthermore, the bibliography is in no way related to the report, as no single reference is referred to in the text. The report is, additionally, incomplete in that the in-text map references are not given.

SAHRA therefore requests that a new HIA be compiled that incorporates all aspects of the heritage resources on the property, adequately described and recorded, and includes an assessment of such aspects as intangible and living heritage. If this report was intended as a Letter of Exemption from further heritage studies, it should be clearly indicated as such, and not submitted as a Heritage Impact Assessment.

We trust that you understand and support the need to adhere to professional standards and to protect our non-renewable heritage. SAHRA requests adherence to the Minimum Standards in all future reports.

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



New Cemetery at Alheit

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Yours faithfully

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