



Letter

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

Attention: Mr Thomas Moolman
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CONSULTATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 40 OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT 2002, (ACT 28 OF 2002) FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF THE FARM DIKDOORN NO. 535, SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF NAMAQUALAND: NORTHERN CAPE.

We have received notification of your application for an environmental management plan in respect of mining permit for road materials on the Remainder of Farm Dikdoorn 535, south of Garies in the Northern Cape.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA), no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. This means that before such sites are disturbed by development it is incumbent on the developer (or mine) to ensure that a **Heritage Impact Assessment** is done. This must include the archaeological component (Phase 1) and any other applicable heritage components. Appropriate (Phase 2) mitigation, which involves recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed, must be done as required.

Case Decision:

Although it is stated in section 2.2.3 of the EMP that the mining activities are largely restricted to a previously disturbed area, much of the stockpiling and associated infrastructural activities take place on an adjacent piece of ground that appears largely undisturbed. SAHRA therefore requests that a letter of exemption from further archaeological study be obtained from a professional archaeologist with knowledge of the region (see www.asapa.org.za for a list of professional archaeologists). Upon receipt of this letter, SAHRA will provide comment on the application. If the area is deemed sensitive, a full Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment will be required and if necessary Phase 2 mitigation might be necessary.

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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