



Letter

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

Attention: Mr Thomas Moolman
 Group Five Civil Engineering (Pty) Ltd
 16 Skeen Boulevard
 Bedfordview
 2007

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 REGARDING FOR MINING PERMIT ON REMAINDER OF ERF 784 SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF GORDONIA, NORTHERN CAPE REGION.

We have received notification of your application for an environmental management plan in respect of a mining permit on the remainder of Erf 784, Gordonia District.

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.

Decision:

According to the information provided in this EMP, it is unlikely that any significant impacts on heritage resources will result from the proposed mining activities of this project, due to the disturbed nature of the receiving environment.

Consequently, SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology & Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objection to the proposed prospecting on the condition that if any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, marine shell and charcoal/ash concentrations), unmarked human burials, fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during proposed activities, SAHRA APM Unit (Katie Smuts/Colette Scheermeyer 021 462 4502) must be alerted immediately, and a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.

Any deviation from the proposal described in this EMP might be subject to a heritage assessment and SAHRA should therefore be notified should any changes be made to the proposed layout or activities.





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

Yours faithfully

Kathryn Smuts
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South African Heritage Resources Agency

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SAHRA Head Archaeologist
South African Heritage Resources Agency

ADMIN:
(DMR, Ref: NO 30/5/1/1/2/10059 MP)

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.

