



Final Comment

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

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CONSULTATION IN TERM SOF SECTION 40 OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2002, (ACT 28 OF 2002) FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BELMOT BORROW PIT ON THE FARM BELMONT 191, SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF HERBERT, NORTHERN CAPE REGION.

Becker, E. January 2013. *Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment – Borrow Pit areas between Kimberley to De Aar*

Transnet SOC Ltd has proposed the establishment of a borrow pit on the Farm Belmont No. 191 to provide material necessary for the upgrading of the railway between Kimberley and De Aar. The material from this borrow pit specifically, will be used for the construction of railway formations, level crossing ramps and subsidence repair between Modderrivier and Heuningneskloof. The borrow pit will measure 1.5 ha in size and be dug to a depth of 5m.

The archaeologist conducted a site visit to the area proposed for the borrow pit and observed that the proposed site falls within the rail reserve, between 100 and 200m from the railway line. The author identified no significant heritage resources within the borrow pit area, but notes that historical structures occur at the Belmont railway station, although these will not be impacted by the proposed activities. The author also notes that the area is part of a sensitive cultural landscape in terms of its connection to the South African War, although, again, no traces of related activity were identified at the site.

A Palaeontological Impact Assessment was conducted by Dr John Almond for the larger Ngqura project and has been commented on in terms of that case. Palaeontological sensitivity in the area appears to be low.

Case Decision:

As there is apparently no evidence of any significant archaeological or palaeontological material in this area, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has no objection to the development (in terms of the archaeological and palaeontological components of the heritage resources) on condition that, if any new evidence of archaeological sites or artefacts, palaeontological fossils, graves or other heritage resources is found during development, construction or mining, SAHRA and an archaeologist and/or palaeontologist,





depending on the nature of the finds, must be alerted immediately.

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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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/121513>
(DMR, Ref: NO 30/5/1/3/2/5018 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.

