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## **Final Comment**

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

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### **The Proposed Replacement of the Namaqualand Regional Water Supply Scheme Pipeline: Phase 2 (Steinkopf & Concordia Commonage)**

Kaplan, J. July 2012. *RECOMMENDED EXEMPTION FROM FURTHER ARCHAEOLOGICAL STUDIES: THE PROPOSED NAMAQUA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME BETWEEN HENKRIES AND STEINKOPF, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE*

The Nama Khoi Municipality has proposed the replacement of an existing water supply pipeline between Henkries and Steinkopf in Namaqualand. This pipeline was laid in 1973 and is in a poor state of repair. This application, which accounts for approximately 60km of the pipeline, is part of a larger process which will see all 200km of the pipeline replaced. The servitude for the pipe is 3m wide and the pipe will be laid 1.6m deep.

The archaeologist considered previous work in the area, which identified only isolated, low density scatters of LSA flakes, as well as the small servitude of the pipeline and the fact that the project entails only replacing the existing pipeline within the current servitude, reaching the conclusion that the activity will have no impact on any significant heritage resources.

#### **Decision:**

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit supports the findings of the author and 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 are 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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**ADMIN:**

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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.



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