

**The proposed upgrade of storm water management system in the Port of Saldanha within the jurisdiction of Saldanha Local Municipality in the Western Cape Province.**

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## **Final Comment**

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

Attention: Transnet Capital Projects

**The Port of Saldanha (hereafter referred to as the Port) is the largest iron ore handling port in South Africa. Iron ore is transported to the Port by rail from Sishen in the Northern Cape where it is stockpiled prior to loading onto bulk iron ore carriers for export purposes. The Port also serves base metal mines and an adjacent heavy minerals smelter as well as the crude oil storage facility near the Port. The Port of Saldanha was constructed during the 1970's to facilitate the export of iron ore, bulk crude oil and break-bulk terminals were subsequently added to the facilities in the Port. In the early 2000's the first phase of expansion to the iron facility was undertaken, which included expansion of the stockyard area and provision of a second tippler, two additional stacker reclaimers and the upgrading of the ship loaders. Various storm water management infrastructures have been constructed within the Port. The Storm Water Master Plan (SWMP) of 2013 for the Port of Saldanha indicates that the existing storm water management infrastructure of certain areas in the Port is inadequate for 1:50 year flood line conditions. As such, if the infrastructure is not upgraded and/or replaced, uncontrolled discharge into the bay and municipal system will be imminent. Consequently, Transnet proposes to undertake the upgrading of the storm water and environmental systems within the Port. The proposed development entails the upgrade of the existing storm water infrastructure in both operational and non-operational areas of the Port in order to improve the storm water infrastructure systems.**

The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) would like to thank you for submitting the application for the proposed upgrade of storm water management system in the Port of Saldanha. The proposed works are to upgrade existing storm water infrastructure in both the operational and non-operational areas of the port.

The areas of proposed works that fall below the high water mark and therefore fall under the remit of the Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage Unit at SAHRA are Catchment areas 3 and 4, namely the Iron Ore Jetty and ship terminals and the Iron Ore Stockyard.

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SAHRA has reviewed the submitted documents and would like to advise that no work is required in terms of Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage resources protected by the National Heritage Resources Act (No 25 of 1999) as:

- The harbour infrastructure was developed in the 1970s and is therefore less than 60 years of age and currently falls outside the remit of the NHRA.
- This area of Saldanha Bay has been subject to intense activity and therefore it is unlikely that any heritage sites remain on or near to the proposed areas of work.

SAHRA would like to advise that should any structures or shipwreck remains older than 60 years be uncovered during the proposed works we must be notified immediately so that further advice can be given regarding complying with heritage legislation.

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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**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.