



Interim Comment

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

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Environmental Basic Assessment process for the proposed national road (N11) road rehabilitation section 10 between Middelburg (km 3,4) and Loskop Dam (km 53,4), Mpumalanga Province.

SANRAL proposes the rehabilitation of Section 10 of the N11 between Middelburg and Loskop Dam in the Mpumalanga Province. The proposed section to be upgraded is 50 km in length. The upgrade will consist of widening the road, adding overtaking lanes, the upgrade of existing culverts and the possible upgrading of the bridges.

The archaeologist who undertook the specialist study did not identify any archaeological sites or any other heritage resources during the field assessment. However, the specialist study did identify a number of memorial sites located along this stretch of road. Other features include the Keeromspruit bridge which was built in 1951, the Loskop Dam wall which was built in 1934-1938 and raised in 1978, and a number of old A - Frame type telephone poles the design of which are older than sixty years of age.

No palaeological study was undertaken for this project.

Decision

- Since no palaeontological assessment was undertaken for this project it is requested that such a study be undertaken. Alternatively, a Letter of Exemption must be submitted to SAHRA compiled by a professional palaeontologist.

- Decisions in terms of Built Environment (i.e., the Keeromspruit bridge, the Loskop Dam Wall and the telephone poles) will have to be sought from the Mpumalanga Provincial Heritage Resources Agency (Mr Benjamin Moduka, email: bmoduka@mpg.gov.za).

- The roadside memorials identified by the specialist are not of any heritage significance, however, SAHRA would support the recommendations of the specialist with regard to these features

-SAHRA will provide a final comment on this particular project as soon as the requested information is provided.



Section 10 N11

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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.



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