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## **Response to NID (Notification of Intent to Develop)**

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

Attention: National Department of Public Works

**Maintenance and Repair of Infrastructure Elements at St. Helena Bay Harbour, Erf number 78, St. Helena Bay, Saldanha Bay Local Municipality, West Coast District Municipality, Western Cape**

Aurecon South Africa Pty Ltd was requested by the Coega Development Corporation (CDC) on the behalf of the Department of Public Works to undertake the coastal engineering infrastructure activities Work Package 3 of the Proclaimed Fishing Harbours Western Cape Development Programme, also known as the small harbours programme. This work package includes the coastal harbour of St Helena Bay.

The harbour at St Helena Bay was built in 1968 and has four jetties and four quays, with several smaller jetties built along the coast for fish factories. The harbour basin contains extensive areas of revetments and undeveloped water's edge. The proposed works will entail the repair and maintenance of existing harbour structures. No expansion of the existing footprint will occur as a result of these works.

The project involves the following aspects:

- repairs to concrete structures;
- repairs to wooden jetties;
- maintenance of main slipway and recreational boat launch;
- maintenance of the shore crane;
- dredging of the harbour basin;
- removal of four sunken vessels and one abandoned vessel.

The South African Heritage Resources Agency would like to thank you for submitting the Notification of Intent to Develop and accompanying documents for the Maintenance and Repair of Infrastructure Elements at St Helena Bay Harbour, St Helena Bay, Saldhana Bay Local Municipality, Western Cape.

SAHRA has reviewed the submitted documents and would like to advise that no work is required under the National Heritage Resources Act (No 25 of 1999) as:

- The harbour infrastructure was constructed in 1968 and is therefore less than 60 years of age. It therefore currently falls outside of the remit of the NHRA.

Coastal Engineering Infrastructure Activities – Proclaimed Fishing Harbours  
Work Package 3: West Coast – St. Helena Bay (Sandy Point)

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- While the proposed dredging activity in the harbour basin exceeds an area of 5000m<sup>2</sup> and thus requires input from SAHRA in terms of Section 38(1) of the NHRA, it does not extend beyond the area or depth that has been previously dredged; and
- The information provided regarding the sunken vessels shows that they are modern fishing vessels that have all sunk within the last 14 years. They are thus also outside of the remit of the NHRA which protects any wreck older than 60 years of age.

That said, 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.

With regard to the dredging activity, the documents provided state that the disposal site for the dredged material has not yet been established, SAHRA would like to advise that the disposal site must not be on or within 200m of any known shipwreck or underwater cultural heritage site.

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:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/388255>

**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.