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REVIEW COMMENT ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

BY ARCHAEOLOGIST OF HERITAGE RESOURCES AGENCY

South Africa has a unique and non-renewable archaeological heritage. Archaeological sites are protected in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act No 25 of 1999) and may not be disturbed without a permit. Archaeological Impact Assessments (AIAs) identify and assess the significance of the sites, assess the potential impact of developments upon such sites, and make recommendations concerning mitigation and management of these sites. On the basis of satisfactory specialist reports SAHRA or the relevant heritage resources agency can assess whether or not it has objection to a development and indicate the conditions upon which such development might proceed and assess whether or not to issue permission to destroy such sites.

AIAs often form part of the heritage component of an Environmental Impact Assessment. They may also form part of a Heritage Impact Assessment called for in terms of section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act No. 25, 1999. They may have other origins. In any event they should comply with basic minimum standards of reporting as indicated in SAHRA Regulations and Guidelines.

This form provides review comment from the Archaeologist of the relevant heritage resources authority for use by Heritage Managers, for example, when informing authorities that have applied to SAHRA for comment and for inclusion in documentation sent to environmental authorities. It may be used in conjunction with Form B, which provides relevant peer review comment.

- A. PROVINCE: *Mpumalanga*
- B. REGIONAL MANAGER : *Mr N January/ Mr G Tshivhalavhala*
- C. AUTHOR(S) OF REPORT: *Mr JP Celliers, Kudzala Antiquity*.....
- D. DATE OF REPORT: *31 January 2005, Received 25 April 2005*
- TITLE OF REPORT: *Report on archaeological Survey of the Central Waste Disposal Site – Tekwane, Mbombela Municipality on portion 5 of the farm Tekwane 573 JU*
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- F. Please circle as relevant: Archaeological component of EIA / EMP / HIA / CMP Other (Specify)
- G. REPORT COMMISSIONED BY (CONSULTANT): *Enpact Environmental Consultants cc*.....
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- I. COMMENTS: (Please find comment on separate sheet(s) attached. COMMENT ON THE REPORT ITSELF SHOULD BE SEPARATE FROM COMMENT ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT)

SUMMARY COMMENT:

IN TERMS OF THE ARCHAEOLOGY, SAHRA HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT TAKING PLACE PROVIDED THAT THE CONDITIONS OF THE SPECIALIST REPORT ARE MET: YES

~~IN TERMS OF THE ARCHAEOLOGY, SAHRA HAS CONCERNS, OVER AND ABOVE THOSE EXPRESSED IN THE SPECIALIST REPORT (P.T.O.) AND THESE MUST BE PROVIDED FOR BEFORE THE DEVELOPMENT PROCEEDS: YES~~

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Mr JP Celliers, Kuzala Antiquity
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***Report on archaeological Survey of the Central Waste Disposal Site –
 Tekwane, Mbombela Municipality on portion 5 of the farm Tekwane 573 JU***

This report assesses the nature of the archaeological record on approximately 50 ha of portion 5 of the farm Tekwane 573 JU, Nelspruit district.

The report indicates that no significant cultural remains were found during the survey. The remains of a few broken shards of pottery were found out of context and are therefore not significant. However, should sub-surface archaeological material be found in the process of development, these finds must be reported to SAHRA or to the archaeologist.

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorite unit has no objections and development may proceed.

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