



Letter

In terms of Section 35(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mr Anton Roodt
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Application for demolition of a building older than 100 years in disuse and request for exemption from undertaking the excavation of the midden in the Voorspoed Mine near Kroonstad, Free State.

Dear Mr Roodt,

the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has received your application for a renewal of a permit (1/64/06) issued by the Free State Provincial Heritage Resources Authority on the 8th of May 2006 for the demolition of a building older than 60 years. The FSPHRA submitted your application to SAHRA since the building is older than 100 years and in disuse and as per s. 2(ii)(a) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 is considered of archaeological nature.

Moreover the application was requesting exemption from undertaking the excavation of the midden identified close to the police station. This mitigation was a condition of the original permit.

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology, Meteorites, Heritage Objects and Burial Grounds and Graves permit committee has assessed the application and all information provided. The the following decisions were taken:

- an assessment of the building must be undertaken before applying for a destruction permit to SAHRA. A report from this exercise must be submitted to SAHRA for further comments.
- test excavation of the identified archaeological midden/s in the area is requested. An archaeologist will need to apply for a Phase 2 excavation permit . In terms of s.38(4)(b&c) of the National Heritage Resources Act, the provisions of s. 35 apply. The specialist will require a mitigation permit from SAHRA. On receipt of a satisfactory mitigation (Phase 2) permit report from the archaeologist, the heritage authority will make further recommendations in terms of the site. If the significance of the site is medium-high further mitigation before destruction may be requested. If the site is of high heritage significance, SAHRA may request that it be conserved, that mini-site management plans, interpretive material and possibly protective infrastructure be established.





- a map highlighting the position and the extent of the mining activities in relation to the heritage resources must be submitted to SAHRA.
- a historical archaeologist must survey the area around the building and a report from this assessment must be submitted to SAHRA for further comments.
- the cultural landscape related to the history of the mine must be assessed properly.

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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