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## Letter

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

Attention: Mr David Evans MalaMala Ranch (Pty) Ltd Private Bag X284 Hilcrest 3650

## **RECONSTRUCTION AND MODIFICATION OF WEST ST BRIDGE - MALAMALA**

Thank you for your indication that development is to take place in this area.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA), no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. This means that before such sites are disturbed by development it is incumbent on the developer (or mine) to ensure that a **Heritage Impact Assessment** is done. This must include the archaeological component (Phase 1) and any other applicable heritage components. Appropriate (Phase 2) mitigation, which involves recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed, must be done as required.

## Decision:

Considering the development is small and impact on the receiving environment will be limited, no further action is required in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act no. 25 of 1999). However, if archaeological/palaeontological sites or artefacts, or other heritage resources are found during construction activities, the SAHRA APM Unit (Mrs. Colette Scheermeyer, or Mr. Phillip Hine, tel: 021 462 4502) must be alerted immediately, and a professional archaeologist/palaeontologist must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings at the cost of the developer. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological/palaeontological significance, then a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary at the cost of the developer.

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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Colette Scheermeyer

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**ADMIN:** 

(MDEDET, Ref: 17/2/3/E-136)

## 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.

