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Letter

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

Attention: Mr John Gribble
ACO Associates CC
Unit D17, Prime Park, Mocke Road, Diep River 7700

Proposed photogrammetric survey of the wreck of HMS Birkenhead, lost off Danger Point in the Western Cape in 1852.

An international collaboration between the Maritime Archaeology Sea Trust and Bournemouth University in the United Kingdom, and ACO Associates and the African Centre for Heritage Activities in South Africa aims to undertake a photogrammetric survey of the wreck of HMS Birkenhead, located off Danger Point in the Western Cape. The aim of the project is to record as much of the wreck possible to create a 2D and 3D virtual record which will increase the understanding of the site and its condition. To date no formal archaeological work has taken place on the site and our understanding of the wreck site is based on the reports of salvage oriented interventions in the site, and on a handful of publicly accessible photographs. It is hoped that the information gathered will mitigate the continuing natural deterioration of the wreck and the past impact of salvage work and provide a baseline for the future management of the site. The proposed work will be wholly non-intrusive and there will be no physical intervention in the wreck site.

The proposed photogrammetric survey will be carried out within a 200m radius of the co-ordinate given as the centre of the wreck site:

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The Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage (MUCH) unit at the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) has on 14 April 2020 taken the decision to approve the application for a permit to undertake a photogrammetric survey of the wreck site of the HMS Birkenhead. This is subject to the terms and conditions set out in the attached permit, ID: 3107. The terms and conditions in the attached permit must be adhered to at all times. You are reminded that you must adhere to the provisions of SAHRA's Wreck Resources Permit Policy at all times, and that the approval of this photogrammetric survey permit does not create a right or legitimate expectation to be issued a subsequent excavation, test excavation, sampling, export, or conservation permit for any wreck resource(s).

We wish you every success in this endeavour.

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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South African Heritage Resources Agency

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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/536293>

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.