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## **Final Comment**

### **In terms of Section 38, 35, 34(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

Attention: Vuyo Ngonyama  
National Department of Public Works  
Private bag X9027, Cape Town 8000

#### **proposed repairs and upgrades to the main breakwater and Quay 1 at Hout bay fishing harbour as described in attached project description, western cape**

The Coega Development Corporation (CDC), acting as implementing agent on behalf of the National Department of Public Works (NDPW), have appointed PRDW Consulting Port and Coastal Engineers (PRDW) as consultants to manage the repair, maintenance and upgrades of marine infrastructure at the Hout Bay fishing harbour.

PRDW have appointed SRK Consulting (SRK) to identify and undertake the environmental approval and permitting processes required for the proposed works, which will be undertaken as part of the Operation Phakisa initiative.

The proposed works at Hout Bay fishing harbour include:

1. Concrete repair and maintenance of existing marine structures;
2. Maintenance and repair of quay furniture (bollards, fenders and access ladders);
3. Repair and maintenance of the harbour slipways including rails, cradles and winches;
4. Replacement of the shore crane;
5. Removal of 14 sunken fishing vessels;
6. Maintenance dredging of isolated areas within the harbour basin; and
7. Breakwater concrete cap repairs, and placement of additional concrete armour units.

SAHRA thanks the applicant for the opportunity to comment on the aforementioned works, and hereby confirms the following:

1. 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. No Heritage Impact Assessment of the dredge activities will be required.
2. The information provided regarding the 14 sunken vessels shows that they sank within the last 9 years.

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The removal of these vessels does not trigger Section 35 of the NHRA.

3. From the documentation received SAHRA has noted that the Main Breakwater and Quay 1 were first constructed in 1939 and 1950, respectively, and that both the structures are therefore older than 60 years. A permit application for alterations is required in terms of Section 34 of the NHRA before work may commence.

The following additional terms and conditions apply:

1. All efforts must be made to avoid damage and/or disturbance of cultural heritage material during dredging and removal of the sunken vessels.
2. Should cultural heritage material be detected via sonic scanning or any other means in any of the proposed dredging or dredge disposal areas, SAHRA must be notified immediately and work must cease and may not commence until feedback has been received from SAHRA.

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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## ADMIN:

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## 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.