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Final Decision

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

Attention: Mr Jonathan Sharfman
African Centre for Heritage Activities
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The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) aims to develop and facilitate an Aquaculture Development Zone (ADZ) in Saldanha Bay by identifying and permitting additional sea-based aquaculture areas. The extent of the project footprint, in conjunction with the possibility that positioning of mooring blocks on which aquaculture infrastructure will be anchored may impact on submerged cultural heritage resources, triggers Sections 38 and 35 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999).

SAHRA thanks the applicant for the opportunity to comment on the above application. Given that the possibility of impacts on several shipwrecks in the development area can not be dismissed, SAHRA exacts the following terms and conditions attached to the work:

1. All efforts must be made to avoid damage and/or disturbance of cultural heritage material.
2. The proposed locations of the mooring blocks must be subjected to comprehensive geophysical survey, and divers must be deployed to conduct sea-bed inspections at each locality.
3. Should any shipwreck or cultural heritage material be detected in the development area via the geophysical survey, diver inspection, or other means, the position must be recorded, the area must be excluded from the list of proposed mooring block locations. SAHRA must be notified immediately AND work must cease and may not commence until feedback has been received from SAHRA. Under no circumstance may mooring blocks be placed on any shipwreck site which is proven or suspected to be older than 60 years.

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4. No mooring blocks may be placed, and no development of any sort may be carried out, within 200m of the wreck site of the *Merestein* (1702), which is located at approximately -33.087355°S, 17.955044°E.

5. SAHRA must be provided with all survey data for the purposes of positively identifying shipwreck sites in the development area.

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/374497>

Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.

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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.