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Letter

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

Attention: Mr Alphonso Potgieter
Frontline Occupational Safety Consultancy and Services CC
14 Falcon Crest, Howick Close, Tygerfalls, Tygervalley, 7535

Proposed Rehabilitation of the existing shoreline with a rock revetment (150 meters in length) and Rehabilitation of the existing concrete jetty and fender system on erf 2487 at 516 Beach Street, Port Nolloth, Project area covers approximately 1600 square meters.

The applicant seeks to conduct infrastructure upgrades of the existing revetment and jetty at Port Nolloth Harbour, Northern Cape. The area to be worked is approximately 1500 square meters in extent. Given that the existing jetty was built in the early 1950's, and given that cultural heritage material has been found in the revetment area, the work requires a heritage application to be made to SAHRA in terms of Section 35 of the National Heritage Resources Act.

SAHRA thanks the applicant for the opportunity to comment on the proposed development. Although it is noted in the EMP that the potential for impact on cultural heritage material as a result of the proposed development is 'low', a metal object resembling a boiler or condenser was found and excavated during preparation of the revetment area.

Work in the revetment area has temporarily been stopped and may not commence until the following conditions are met:

- A qualified archaeologist must be engaged to produce a short document which
 - a) identifies the object recovered from the revetment area in December 2016;
 - b) provides a statement regarding the significance of the object;
 - c) investigates the background of the revetment area. The background section must cover the history of the area, including what was under the revetment before its initial construction, as well as its location relative to the old railway, and any vessels that may have run aground; AND
 - d) recommends the way forward, with particular focus on how further impacts to cultural heritage material may be mitigated.

- The applicant must engage the Port Nolloth Museum to investigate the desirability of curating the recovered object.

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- The applicant must provide SAHRA with the document produced by the archaeologist, and with feedback from the Port Nolloth museum.

Upon the fulfilment of the above requirements, work may commence under the following conditions:

- All efforts must be made to avoid damage/disturbance to cultural heritage material
- No cultural heritage material found may be removed from its original position, unless under the supervision of the archaeologist
- Should any cultural heritage material be discovered in any part of the area to be developed, work must cease, the archaeologist must be consulted, and SAHRA must be notified immediately. Work may not commence until feedback has been received from the archaeologist and 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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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.