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## Letter

### In terms of Section 35(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mr Marx Mohr  
Neptune's Divers and cruises  
Hermanus New Harbour, Finger Jetty Two.

#### To preform a pre-disturbance survey on an unknown shipwreck in Hermanus.

The remains of a possible historic shipwreck have been found in Walker Bay, Hermanus, Western Cape. Anchors and chains as well as unidentified objects have been found spread out over a large area. A magnetometer survey is to be undertaken to define the boundaries of the site and there after map the site. The aim is to monitor and protect the site in order to promote it as a heritage dive site.

The magnetometer survey will be within a 400m radius from the co-ordinates provided as the centre of the wreck site provided in the site record on SAHRIS, in order to ascertain the extent of the wreck dispersal. For the magnetometer survey to achieve the best results well spaced and longer run lines are needed as it collects better quality data and helps with the interpretation of the anomalies.

Unfortunately due to adverse onsite conditions and the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, little work has been undertaken on the site during the existing permit timeframe. The current permit holder wishes to continue work on the site and has therefore asked SAHRA for an extension of the permit. The applicant submitted a letter as requested by the MUCH unit at SAHRA outlining the motivation for an extension and a summary of the work undertaken so far.

The Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage (MUCH) unit at the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) has on 8 December 2021 taken the decision to approve the application for a permit renewal to undertake a pre-disturbance survey for an unknown wreck in Hermanus. This is subject to the terms and conditions set out in the attached permit, ID: 3376. 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 pre-disturbance 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.

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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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Briege Williams  
Heritage Officer  
South African Heritage Resources Agency

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Lesla Grange  
Manager: Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage  
South African Heritage Resources Agency

**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/537215>

**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.