



## Final Comment

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

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### Archaeological Scoping Report For The Proposed Witwatersrand Gold Fields: Acid Mine Drainage (Phase 1): Eastern Basin, Gauteng

**Van der Walt, J. February 2014. Archaeological Scoping Report For The Proposed Witwatersrand Gold Fields: Acid Mine Drainage (Phase 1): Eastern Basin, Gauteng.**

The proposed development entails the Witwatersrand Gold Fields: Acid Mine Drainage (Phase 1): Eastern Basin project, located at the Grootvlei Mine Shaft and the development includes a sludge disposal pipeline of approximately 30km. The Grootvlei Mine Shaft No. 3 is situated about 4.6km east of the Springs Central Business District.

The author states that area earmarked for the TCTA AMD Eastern Basin site is highly disturbed by previous mining activities and is covered by ruins of demolished buildings associated with mining infrastructure. The area traversed by the proposed sludge pipeline of approximately 3 km including sections close to the highway as well as sections in undeveloped areas. The likelihood of encountering or disturbing significant archaeological material within the study area is low.

Based on the information that was submitted in this case, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit grants exemption from further heritage studies to this proposed development, based on the submitted information, provided that a Chance Find Procedure is adopted into the Environmental Management Programme for this project. Should any evidence of any significant archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments and charcoal/ash concentrations), unmarked human burials, fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA APM Unit must be alerted immediately, and a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully



**Archaeological Scoping Report: Proposed Witwatersrand Gold Fields: Acid Mine Drainage (Phase 1): Eastern Basin**  
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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/159843>

**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.



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