



Interim Comment

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

Attention: SANRAL
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Rehabilitation and upgrade the National Route 1 Section 16 between Winburg Interchange (km 78.8) and the intersection to Winburg Station (km 89.0), Free State Province.

Van Schalkwyk, J. September 2014. Cultural heritage impact assessment for the Rehabilitation And Upgrade Of National Route 1 Section 16 Between Winburg Interchange (Km 78.8) And The Intersection to Winburg Station (Km 89.0), Free State Province

The proposed development entails a SANRAL project to upgrade section 16 of National Route 1, km 78.8 to km 89, in the vicinity of Winburg in the Free State Province. The total distance of this section is approximately 10 km. Material for this work will be sourced from two borrow pits and four quarries, all of which are in close vicinity of this section of the N1.

The following heritage resources were identified by the author:

Borrow Pit 2 : The remains of a small rectangular house structure. Approximately 35 m to the northwest, behind the house structure three graves were identified. These are only marked with stone cairns and no information about their age or who were buried there could be found. The author notes that both these features seem to occur outside of the proposed borrow pit expansion and it would be possible to avoid them. The author recommends that these sites are left in place and that they are fenced off with danger tape with a buffer of at least 10 metres from the outer most edge of the visible structures for the duration of the activities at the borrow pit. If it is impossible to avoid these sites, they should be documented and excavated by a qualified archaeologist.

Quarry Site 1: The remains of an old farm labourer homestead. It consists of the remains of at least two stone built structures as well as a large refuse dump. It is difficult to date as it does not occur on the older versions of the cadastral maps and the surface finds (glass, metal, etc.) have no diagnostic features. However, the site is viewed to be older than sixty years. As all these features seem to occur on the western edge of the borrow pit, it would be possible to avoid them. The author recommends that the site is left in place and that it is fenced off with danger tape with a buffer of at least 10 metres from the outer most edge of the visible structures for the duration of the activities at the borrow pit. If it is impossible to avoid the site, it should be documented and excavated by a qualified archaeologist.

No palaeontological assessment was submitted.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit requires that the heritage resources described within the vicinities of Borrow Pit 2 and Quarry Site 1 be left in place undisturbed and be fenced off with danger tape with a buffer of at least 10 metres from the outer most edge of the visible structures for the duration of the project activities. If these recommendations are followed, SAHRA APM has no objection to the proposed project, in terms of archaeological heritage resources.

In terms of palaeontological heritage resources, considering that one of the quarry sites is located within an area of very high estimated palaeontological sensitivity, a palaeontological field assessment and protocol for finds is required. Once this assessment has been received, SAHRA will be able to make final comments.

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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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/174581>
(DEA, Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1262)

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.



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3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.



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