



Final Comment

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

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DRAFT REPORT ON A PHASE 1 HIA FOR THE PEERBOOM FARM OPENCAST COAL MINE, NEAR LEPHALALE AND MARAPONG, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

Pelser, A. September 2012. Draft Report On A Phase 1 HIA For The Peerboom Farm Opencast Coal Mine, Near Lephalale And Marapong, Limpopo Province

The proposed development entails open-cast coal mining and is located on an 835.3 hectare farm located close to Lephalale and approximately 3 kilometres east of the Matimba Power Station. The development area comprises approximately 400ha and is bordered by Marapong towards the north-west.

The author notes that the area has been greatly disturbed by agricultural activities, cattle grazing and informal settlement.

Following a desktop assessment and field survey, the author states that no sites, features or objects of an archaeological or historical nature or any significance were identified in the area of the proposed development.

Case Decision

As there is apparently no evidence of any significant archaeological material in this area, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorite Unit has no objection to the development component of the heritage resources) on condition that, if any new evidence of archaeological sites or artefacts, graves or other heritage resources are found during development, construction or mining, SAHRA or an archaeologist must be alerted immediately.

A palaeontological assessment will need to be undertaken for this project or at least a Letter of Exemption from further palaeontological studies must be submitted by a professional palaeontologist.

Decisions on Built Environment (e.g. structures over 60 years) and Cultural Landscapes and associated Living Heritage (e.g. sacred sites) must be made by Provincial Heritage Resources Authority (Mr Donald Lithole, litholek@sac.lp.gov.za) to whom this document will be copied.

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:

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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