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Final Comment

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

Attention: South African Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)
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Working for Wetlands Rehabilitation Programme, Mpumalanga: Draft Basic Assessment. DEA REF.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1128

Working for Wetlands Rehabilitation Programme, Mpumalanga

The proposed project entails the rehabilitation of two wetland systems within Mpumalanga, as part of the Highveld Project, Lowveld Project, Nkomati Project and Steelpoort Project.

Methods of rehabilitation will include:

Earth berms or gabion systems to block artificial channels that drain water from or divert polluted water to the wetland; concrete weirs to act as settling ponds; concrete, earth or gabion structures plugs; concrete or gabion structures to stabilise head-cut or other erosion and prevent gullies; and gabion structures (mattresses, blankets or baskets) to provide a platform for the growth of desired wetland vegetation. As well as the re-vegetation of stabilised areas with appropriate wetland and riparian species; fencing off of sensitive areas within the wetland to keep grazers out and to allow for vegetation to become re-established; use of biodegradable or natural soil retention systems; removal of undesirable plant and animal species; and use of appropriate fire management and burning regimes.

Final comment

Based on the nature of the study area and the minimal probable impact of this project on heritage resources, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit grants exemption to this project from having to undertake further heritage impact assessments, provided that, if any new evidence of archaeological sites or artefacts, palaeontological fossils, graves or other heritage resources is found during development, SAHRA and an archaeologist and/or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be alerted immediately.

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

Yours faithfully



The South African Heritage Resources Agency

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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/158650>

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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