



## Final Decision

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

Attention: Mr Bennie Pretorius  
Holistic Environmental Service

### The proposed upgrade of the P.T. Sanders Intermediary School in the Kopanong Local Municipality, Xhariep District, Free State Province

The proposed development entails upgrading of the P.T. Sanders Intermediary School, located on a 1.6 hectare portion of Erf 254, Noordmanville in the Trompsburg Administrative region in the Free State Province.

The site is currently used as a school, with pre-existing structures (some non-permanent) and infrastructure, and is connected to the municipal reticulation system with regard to water, sewerage, electricity and solid waste removal. It is the intention through the Free State Accelerated School Infrastructure Delivery Initiative to remove the non-permanent structures and replace them with permanent structures and infrastructure.

The proposed upgrade will be located within the parameters of the existing school boundary.

The heritage specialist states that, due to the fact that the footprint on which the development is to take place is already disturbed by past activities, there are no archaeological sites, cultural heritage sites, historic structures, burial grounds or isolated artefacts likely to be present on the affected landscape. The specialist therefore recommends that the project be exempted from any archaeological assessment studies.

According to the information provided in the initial environmental risk the study area is underlain by sandstone, shale and mudstone of the Beaufort Group, which are normally palaeontologically sensitive, however the presence of dolerite intrusions decreases the overall palaeontological sensitivity of the Beaufort Group.

### Case Decision

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit grants exemption from the above project from undertaking a full Archaeological and Palaeontological Impact Assessment and has no objection to the development (in terms of the archaeological and palaeontological components of the heritage resources) on condition that, if any new evidence of archaeological sites or artefacts, palaeontological fossils, graves or other heritage resources are found, SAHRA and an archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the findings, 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



# Upgrade of the P.T. Sanders Intermediary School

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## ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/119876>

## 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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