



Final Comment

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

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Steel Recycling in the Babelegi Industrial Area Section 24G Process Application

Kruger, N. July 2012. Recommended Exemption from Archaeological Impact Assessment Study: Babelegi Steel Recycling Facility Project

The proposed development entails industrial steel recycling. The study area measures approximately 9ha and is located in an industrial zone next to the R101 road, approximately 40km north of Pretoria and 15km south of Pienaars Rivier.

The author notes that construction of the Babelegi Steel Recycling Facility has already started across the western half of the project area and that the report serves as part of a Section 24G process application.

The heritage scoping survey has revealed that no sites of archaeological or historical value are present and that no heritage resources were disturbed during initial construction activities.

The author recommends that the developer be exempted from further archaeological impact assessments.

The author further recommends that, considering the wealth of heritage resources known to be present on the Highveld areas north of Pretoria, a watching brief monitoring process be implemented for further construction activities at the site.

Decision:

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit supports the recommendations of the author and grants exemption to the above project from undertaking a full Archaeological Impact Assessment. The SAHRA APM Unit has no objection to the development, in terms of the archaeological component of heritage resources, on condition that a watching brief monitoring process be implemented for further construction activities at the site. If any new evidence of archaeological sites or artefacts, palaeontological fossils, graves or other heritage resources are found during development, construction or mining, SAHRA or an archaeologist must be alerted immediately.

Please note that decisions on Built Environment must be referred to the Gauteng Provincial Heritage Resources Agency (Ms Maphata Ramphele: Maphata.Ramphele@gauteng.gov.za, Mr Grant Botha: grantb@gpg.gov.za) to whom this comment 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.

