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Dear Mr Muller

## PHASE 1 HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: SAND MINING ON THE FARM COMMANDO VALLEY 273 SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF ALEXANDRIA, EASTERN CAPE

Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act of 1999 makes provision for a compulsory Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) when constructing a road or similar linear developments exceeding 300m in length or developing an area exceeding 5000 m<sup>2</sup> in extent. In terms of the Act the developer is required to notify the responsible heritage resources authority or SAHRA. SAHRA will in turn advise whether an impact assessment report is needed before development can take place. This is to determine if the area contains heritage sites and to take the necessary steps to ensure that they are not damaged or destroyed during development.

Mr JP Muller of the farm Zaney in the Eastern Cape Province (map sheet 3326 CA Springmount) contacted SAHRA and indicated that he wanted to open a sand mine of approximately 1.5 ha in size on the adjoining Farm Commando Valley 273. In a fax dated the 18 January 2007, he was advised by SAHRA that he should approach an archaeologist for an HIA or a letter from an accredited archaeologist that no further assessment is necessary.

Mr JP Muller contacted Dr LE Webley of the Albany Museum and she visited the property on the 9 February 2007. The location of the sand pit is:

S 33°37'55.5"  
E 26°13'08.2"

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There is no indication of any archaeological or palaeontological remains in the area which has been identified for the sand mine. A survey of the area did not reveal any stone of any description as the area is extremely sandy. An area which has been bulldozed shows no signs of any stone or bone. There are also no signs of any graves in the area.

It seems unlikely that any archaeological or palaeontological material will be exposed during the mining and it is recommended that the mining may proceed. However, if any significant concentrations of stones, shell or bone are uncovered, bulldozing should stop and the archaeologist from the Albany Museum should be notified to examine the finds.

An invoice will be submitted with the hard copy of this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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Manager, Albany Museum