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CULTURAL HERITAGE ASSESSMENT

AS PART OF THE

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME REPORT

FOR THE PROPOSED

MINING OF GRANITE

ON

PORTION 1219

OF THE FARM

HARTEBEESPOORT "B" 410 - JQ

IN

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Helio proposed mining of granite on portion 1219 of the farm Hartebeespoort "B" 410 - JQ Alliance (Pty) Ltd was appointed by Grand Palace Trading 126 a cultural heritage assessment of the area to be impacted upon by the (Pty) Ltd to

Process was also held, part of which was a Public Meeting The heritage study consisted primarily of foot surveys. As part of the compilation of Environmental Management Programme Report (EMPR), a Public Participation

Archaeological Area 2 demarcated as settlement, two roughly demarcated "Archaeological Area's" were site. Although it seems highly likely that these features all formed part of a single features are found concentrated around and across the hill and two outcrops found on stonewall enclosures and associated artefacts and features. survey resulted in the discovery of Late Iron Age (c. on geographical distribution. Archaeological Area 1, and those from the two smaller outcrops as The features found associated with the hill was AD 1640 These archaeological identified, based A

Esmeralde, Brits District", which can be viewed in Annexure D. Late Iron Age Stone Walled Settlements and Structures, Proposed Granite Mine at recommendations on the way to proceed with the located sites. His recommendations Iron Age (UNISA), was taken to the proposed mining area. Mr. Coetzee is a specialist in the Archaeology, Geography & Environmental Studies from the University of South Africa П . . . contained in a proposal document titled "Phase 2 Coetzee of the Archaeology Contracts Unit; Department of Anthropology, archaeology of the region, and as such was commissioned to Archaeological Investigation of

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1. INTRODUCTION

proposed mining of granite on portion 1219 of the farm Hartebeespoort "B" 410 - JQ. Refer Annexure A for the Locality Map of the proposed development Alliance (Pty) Ltd was appointed by Grand Palace Trading 126 യ cultural heritage assessment of the area to be impacted upon by the (Pty) Ltd to

This heritage study forms part of the project's Environmental Management Programme

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MINING AREA

pressure (Robbeson, 2003). indication that a change in species composition has resulted due to high grazing species that forms indispersed with three rocky outcrops The proposed mining property is presently largely undisturbed, and consists of savannah Dichrostachys cinerea, vegetated. While the lowland areas are characterised by a microphyllous vegetation type a closed canopy. Photograph the outcrops j and hills are characterised by broadleaf The dominance of Dichrostachys cinerea is which is and hills. The property as a dominated by Acacia whole is densely

higher-lying outcrops forming a plateau in the middle Two of the higher lying areas are no more than rocky outcrops, while the third (refer Photograph 2) S represented by a relatively large hill containing two

around these three outcrops and hills. The archaeological features located during the fieldwork tended to be located on and/or

3. METHODOLOGY

The with local residents and Interested and/or Affected Parties were also undertaken. primary methodological approach consisted of foot surveys. Limited consultation

<u>က</u> Consultation with local residents and community members

As part of the process of compiling the Environmental Management Programme Report, press advertisements as well as a Public Meeting held in Brits on Friday, 11 July 2003. Public Participation Process was also undertaken. This process included site notices,

Furthermore, contact was also made with a neighbouring farmer who grew up in the

No additional information could be obtained from these consultations and processes

3.2 Field surveys

May 2003 and Monday, 12 May 2003 Foot surveys were undertaken of the site. These surveys were done on Wednesday, 7

property was surveyed property near impossible. Nevertheless, as much as possible of the entire mining Dichrostachys cinerea from the lower regions, would make a complete foot survey of the From the start it was realised that the thick vegetation cover, and especially

the hand-held Garmin E-Trex GPS. The idea behind this was that these waypoints would archaeological features here formed part of an extended Iron Age Distribution Map) whenever archaeological features were observed, waypoints were documented using documented as an individual site. Initially, when archaeological features such as ω general distribution of the However, ron Age it soon became apparent that the stone walling were observed, it features (refer Annexure complex. As such, ω was Site

of the located includes photographs (where possible) and descriptions as to the nature and condition eTrex Summit was used to obtain site coordinates All sites located during the foot surveys were briefly documented. This documentation material. Hand-held Global Positioning Systems in the form of a Garmin

4. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999. In terms of the present project the Minerals Act 50 of 1991, as well as the associated Aide-Mémoire is especially relevant heritage resources. South Africa has a number of legislative measures in place aimed at protecting its Of these the most important is surely the recently promulgated

4.1 Minerals Act 50 of 1991 / Aide-Mémoire

does not however, stipulate the way in which such a report must be prepared submit an environmental management programme report (referred to as an EMPR). It these activities are to be given. In this the act requires the minerals rights applicant to mining activities would have on the environment, before permission and permits The Minerals Act requires that an assessment be made of the impact prospecting and

Management Programme Reports for Prospecting and Mining. addressed with the publication of the Aide-Mémoire for the Preparation of Environmental In November 1992 this need for a prescribed method of compiling an EMPR

In this document three aspects relating to heritage are required:

- also required recognised archaeological and cultural interest should be noted". A plan/map is and cultural interest" As part of the description of the pre-mining environment, "Sites of archaeological must be discussed. The document mentions: "Sites of
- Decommissioning Phases impact of the mining development The second component deals with Environmental Impact Assessment, in which the should ЭС undertaken on the "Sites of archaeological and cultural ó the Construction, Operational
- proponent must describe how the impact will be managed" The final component relevant for heritage, is "Whenever a significant impact has the Environmental Management been identified in Çn the

4.2 National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999

international trends and standards. promulgation and management of heritage of the National Heritage resources Resources = Act 25 South Africa on of 1999 brings the par with

heritage report. The act states Section 38 (3) of the act provides an outline of ideally what should be included in a

- must be included: provided in a report required in terms of subsection (2) (a): Provided that the following responsible heritage resources authority must specify the information to
- (a) The identification and mapping of all heritage resources in the area affected
- (b) an assessment of the significance of such resources in terms of the heritage assessment criteria set out in section 6(2) or prescribed under section 7;
- 0 an assessment of the impact of the development on such heritage resources,
- (d) an evaluation of the impact of the development on heritage resources relative to the sustainable social and economic benefits to be derived from the development;
- (e) and other interested parties regarding the impact of the development on heritage the results of consultation with communities affected by the proposed development resources
- 3 if heritage resources will be adversely affected by the proposed development, the consideration of alternatives; and
- (g)proposed development." for mitigation of any adverse effects during and after the completion of the

sites and objects is especially important. below). In terms offers general protection for a number of heritage related features and objects (see Replacing the old National Monuments of the present study, the Act's stipulations regarding archaeological Act 28 of 1969, the Heritage Resources Act

National Heritage Resources Act states that: The National Heritage Resources Act offers protection of archaeological sites (as well as paleontological sites and meteorites). Section 35(4) of the and

authorityperson may, without a permit issued by the responsible heritage resources

- (a) destroy, damage, excavate, alter, deface or otherwise disturb any archaeological or palaeontological site or any meteorite;
- (6) destroy, damage, excavate, remove from its original position, collect or own any archaeological or palaeontological material or object or any meteorite
- (0) trade in, sell for private gain, export or attempt to export from the Republic any category of archaeological or palaeontological material or object, or any meteorite,
- (9) bring onto or use at an archaeological or palaeontological site any excavation equipment or any equipment which assist in the detection or recovery of metals or the recovery of meteorites." archaeological and palaeontological material or objects, or use such equipment for

the concept "archaeological" set out in section 2(ii) of the Heritage Act: In order to understand exactly what is protected, it is important to look at the definition of

- (a) material remains resulting from human activity which are in a state of disuse and hominid remains and artificial features and structures; are in or on land and which are older than 100 years, including artefacts, human
- (b) and which is older than 100 years, rock art, being any form of painting, engraving or other graphic representation on a representation; rock surface or loose rock or stone, which was executed by human agency including any area within 10m 0
- 0 artefacts found or associated therewith, which is older than 60 years or which 6 of the Maritime Zones Act, 1994 (Act No. 15 of 1994), and any cargo, debris or maritime culture zone of the Republic, as defined respectively in sections 3, SAHRA considers to be worthy of conservation; and South Africa, whether on land, in the internal waters, the territorial waters or in the being any vessel or aircraft, or any part thereof, which was wrecked in
- 0 features, structures and artefacts associated with military history which are older than 75 years and the sites on which they are found;..."

5. FINDINGS

observed mentioned within the boundaries of the proposed mining property. elsewhere, numerous archaeological features These archaeological and artefacts were

the hill or the two smaller rocky outcrops occurrences are primarily associated with the higher lying areas found on site, namely

archaeological occurrences from the different higher lying areas, those associated with smaller rocky outcrops further east, have been demarcated as Archaeological Area 2 demarcated as Archaeological Area 1, whereas those features associated with the Although no distinct difference in form or characteristics could be observed between the large hill and plateau to the western side of the property has been roughly

Archaeological Area 1

more the settlement and higher-status area was observed. Refer Annexure C Photograph 3. occurrences and features in the form of circular stonewalled enclosures and terraces are The hill is characterised by an extended Late Iron Age complex. Archaeological the central plateau. On the northern edge of this plateau the apparent entrance to prominent features depicting clear settlement layout characteristics are found over large portions of the hill, as well as along the slopes and foot. Some of the

early 1800s observed on site as well. The strong inclination for defence may indicate that the site settlement on the site. This said, it is worth mentioning that midden-like deposits were conclusive tendency in settlement design and layout. This location of this kraal, as well as the general feel of the site, indicates a strong defensive On top of the highest outcrop of the hill, a circular cattle kraal was also observed. The be derived from the latter period of Iron Age history, for example the late 1700s to evidence (in the form of extensive deposits) for a very long period of feeling is underlined by the lack of

as well as flat stone slabs with rough walling around (refer Annexure C Photograph 4). The stonewalled features from the area consist primarily of circular stonewalls, terraces

archaeological artefacts in the form of undecorated potsherds, other artefacts such as a lower grinding stone (refer Annexure C Photograph 5) were also observed the whole area as demarcated as Archaeological Area <u>....</u> contains

Archaeological Area 2

have been damaged and even destroyed by the clearing of a vehicle road walling. Some archaeological features located in the area between the two outcrops occurrence of the archaeological features in the form of stonewalled enclosures two smaller outcrops located east of the hill are also characterised bу and the

as the ones from Archaeological Area 1. (refer Annexure C Photograph 6) as well as terraces and stonewalled enclosures Although similar features such as the flat rock slabs with surrounding rough stonewalling Annexure C Photograph 7) are found here, the occurrences here are not as extensive

Archaeological Area 1, and represent part of the same Iron Age complex. appears highly likely that these features are associated with the ones from

HERITAGE REQUIREMENTS IN TERMS OF THE AIDE-MÉMOIRE

Refer Section 4 Legislative Framework.

6.1 Description of pre-mining environment

sections of the Iron Age complex, which would naturally also further address these Distribution Map under Annexure B. requirements Annexure D, the proposed Phase 2 investigations would also consist of the mapping of As required The heritage sites located during the fieldwork can be seen under Section 5 Findings by the Aide-Mémoire, a plan/map is supplied in the form As can be seen in the proposal outlined in of a

6.2 Environmental Impact Assessment

gabbronorite. It can therefore be assumed that many of the archaeological features and proposed mining activities would essentially focus on these areas associated with the higher lying areas in the form of a hill and two rocky outcrops. occurrences associated with these areas would be destroyed by the proposed mining As mentioned elsewhere, the archaeological features and occurrences are primarily as the source

6.3. Mitigation

(UNISA), was taken to the proposed mining area. Being a specialist in terms of the following: Phase 2 the mining property. As can be seen from Mr. Coetzee's proposal (refer Annexure D), recommendations on the way to proceed with the located archaeological sites found on Archaeology, Geography & П О: Coetzee of the Archaeology Contracts Unit; investigations Iron Age archaeology, Mr. are recommended. These investigations would consist of Environmental Studies Coetzee was from the University of South Africa Department of Anthropology, commissioned 0 proposed

- Surveying and mapping
- Auger sampling

And if required

Rescue excavations

enough information from the sites in order for permits to be provided by SAHRA thereby site. The general aims of these investigations and studies would be to obtain sufficiently giving permission for the archaeological sites to be destroyed before any infrastructural development, general development or mining commences on It is recommended that these investigations be completed to the satisfaction of SAHRA

HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT. HERITAGE REQUIREMENTS IN TERMS OF SECTION 38 (3) OF THE NATIONAL

Resources Act makes certain requirements for Heritage Impact Assessment reports mentioned 3 Section 4 Legislative Requirements, the National Heritage

7.1 "The identification and mapping of all heritage resources in the area affected"

part of the Phase 2 investigations, which would further adress these requirements. Additionally, layout maps of sections of the archaeological sites are to be compiled as Arcview 3.8 ordinates obtained from the field, the different sites were individually plotted This requirement has been suitably addressed in Section 5 Findings. With the GPS co-GIS Software. Refer Annexure B for the resultant Site Distribution Map. using

7.2 heritage assessment criteria set out in section 6(2) or prescribed under section 7;" "A(a)n assessment of the significance of such resources in terms of the

signficant enough to warrant Phase 2 Mitigation as proposed by Mr. Coetzee it can certainly be said that the archaeological features As mentioned in Annexure D, the significance of the sites will be established. At present observed on the property are

resources;" "A(a)n assessment of the impact of the development on such heritage

Refer Section 6.2 above

development;" relative to the sustainable social and economic benefits to be derived from the "A(a)n evaluation of the impact of the development on heritage resources

approximately ZAR 166 650 000 to the local economy. whom would be derived from the local communities. Furthermore, using the principles of indicates that the mine would provide employment for thirty (30) individuals, most of The Environmental Management Programme Report (EMPR) for the proposed project multiplier effect, it is estimated that the proposed project would generate

impacts SAHRA, the positive impacts posed by the project would outweigh the negative heritage believed that should the recommendations (refer Annexure D), is undertaken to the satisfaction of all concerned and especially Although extensive archaeological occurrences and features were found on site, as contained within Mr. Coetzee's proposal Sitis

on heritage resources;" development and other interested parties regarding the impact of the development 7.5 "T(t)he results of consultation with communities affected by the proposed

Meeting held on the 11th of May 2003 in Brits. A neighbouring farmer who grew up in the area was also consulted mentioned elsewhere, a full Public Participation Process was initiated, and a Public

development, the consideration of alternatives;" "I(i)f heritage resources Will be adversely affected by the proposed

mitigation takes placed, it is believed that the mitigation measures consideration of alternatives are not required Although severe impacts on the archaeological sites located on site are expected of Unisa would sufficiently address such impacts, proposed by Mr. and as such the TT Q

of the proposed development." "P(p)lans for mitigation of any adverse effects during and after the completion

formulated by Mr.F.P. Coetzee of Unisa indicating plans through which the mitigation of archaeological sites located here should mitigation not take place. A proposal has been SAHRA to allow the destruction of the archaeological sites located within the property The end result of these mitigation measures would be for permits to be provided by expected that the proposed mining activities severe impacts can be suitably addressed. Refer Annexure D for the proposal would have a severe impact on

8. CONSLUSIONS AND GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

proposed with which the severity of these impacts can be sufficiently mitigated activities would occurrences were demarcated within two broadly defined geographical sections, namely archaeological features and occurrences relating to the Iron Age. These features mitigation measures in the form of Phase 2 investigations (refer Annexure D) have been study undertaken for this report resulted Areas have a severe impact on the archaeological features found and 2 Although it Ċ) envisaged that the proposed in the discovery of numerous

immediately be contacted. included in various reasons, including the subterranean nature of some archaeological sites and necessarily represent all the heritage resources located there. may not be disturbed or removed in any way, which means that should such features necessary to realise Not subtracting in any way from the comprehensiveness of the fieldwork undertaken, it is vegetation cover. As such, should any heritage features the present inventory be located or observed, a heritage specialist that the heritage resources Such observed or located heritage features and/or objects located during the fieldwork do not This may be due and/or objects

mmediately stop. objects be exposed during any of the proposed activities, such activities must

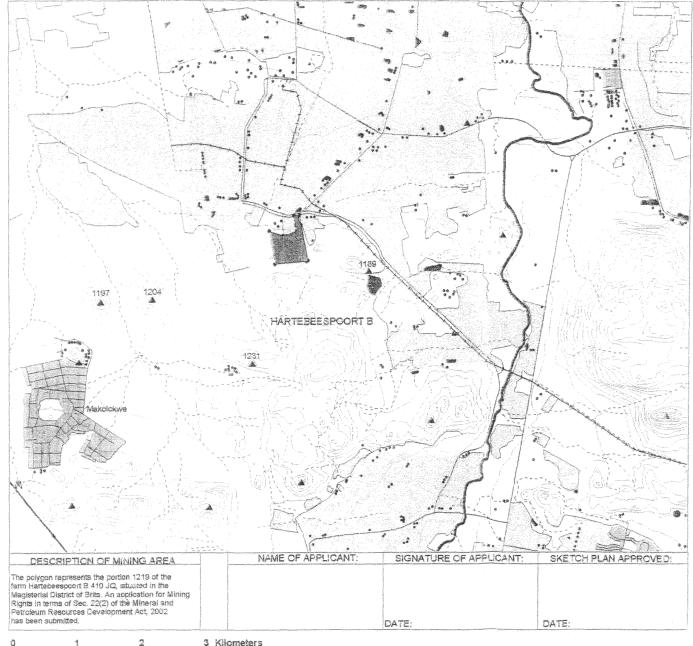
exposed, all activities in the vicinity of the located features must immediately stop. A make recommendations on the way to proceed. would in consultation with the South African Heritage Resources Agency be able to reritage specialist must also immediately be contacted, and who after assessing the site The same is true for graves. Should any graves or cemeteries be observed, located or

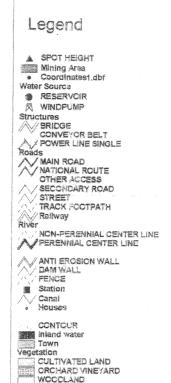
ANNEXURE A

LOCALITY MAP

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LOCALITY MAP





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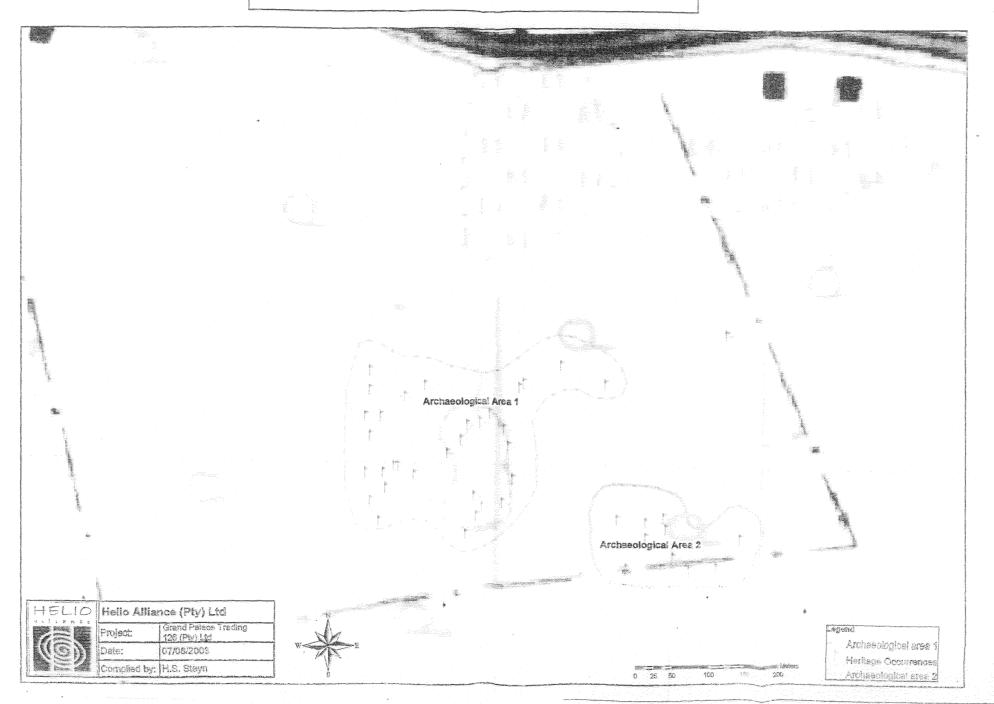
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ANNEXURE B

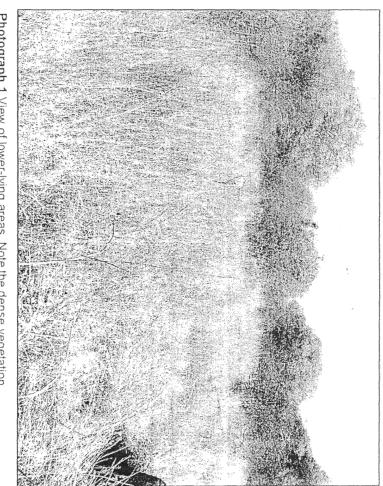
SITE DISTRIBUTION MAP

Site Distribution: Grand Palace Trading 126 (Pty) Ltd

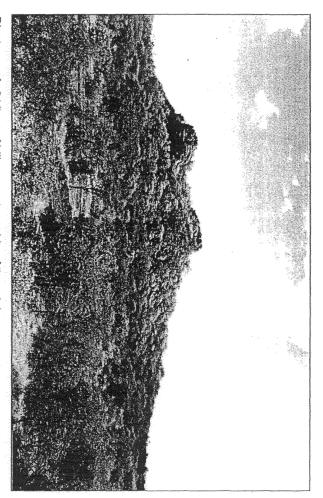


ANNEXURE C

PHOTOGRAPHS



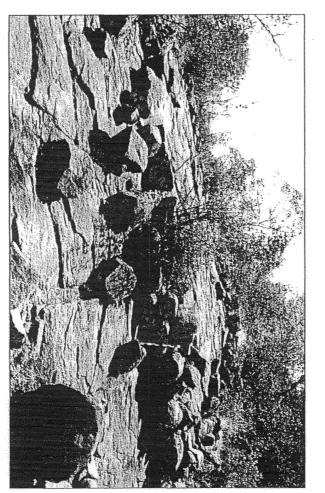
Photograph 1 View of lower-lying areas. Note the dense vegetation.



Photograph 2 View of hill on western side of the mining property.



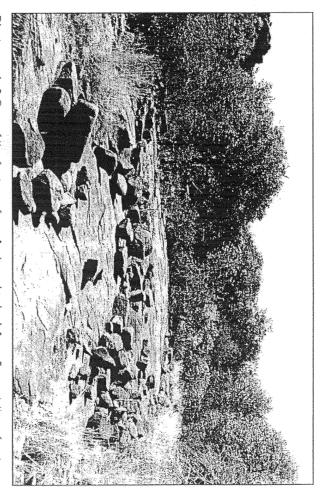
Photograph 3 Archaeological Area 1. Close-up view of stonewall which forms part of the entrance to the settlement.



Photograph 4 Archaeological Area 1. View of one of the features consisting of a flat stone outcrop/slab with roughly-built surrounding stonewalling.



Photograph 5 Close-up view of lower grinding stone from Archaeological Area 1. Scale in 5 cm and 1 cm increments.



Photograph 6 One of the features from Archaeological Area 2 consisting of a stone slab/outcrop with roughly-built surrounding stonewalling.

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PROPOSAL

Phase 2 Archaeological Investigation of Late Iron Age Stone Walled Settlements and Structures,
Porposed Granite Mine at Esmeralde, Brits District

1. Introduction

archaeological investigation on Esmeralde, a proposed mining site near Brits. The range of niles within the by the proposed mining activities. outcrops. According to The Archaeology Contracts Unit (UNISA) has been approached by Helio Alliance to conduct a Phase 2 mining area is still pristine and several archaeological sites have preliminary investigations several archaeological sites will be negatively affected been identified on the

This remains to be affected by the proposed mining activities proposal provides a structure which will guide the Phase 2 investigation of the archaeologica

Terms of Reference

The broad terms of reference of this Phase 2 investigation, are as follows:

- Compile a brief contextualisation of the area's ethnographic and colonial history
- settlements within the proposed mining area Provide a detailed description of all archaeological artefacts, structures (including graves) and
- remains within the proposed mining area Assess the significance of the impact of Ħe proposed development on the archaeological
- mining area Estimate the level 으 sensitivity/importance of the archaeological remains × :- -G, proposed
- Propose possible mitigation measures and options during each step of the investigation

Definitions and Approach

- deposited in or on the ground Archaeological remains can be defined as human-made objects, which reflect past ways of life
- structures older than 60 years are protected by the relevant legislation, in this case the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA) (Act No. 25 of 1999). The Act makes an archaeological assemblage or settlement (site) may be moved or destroyed without the necessary approval from All archaeological remains, artificial features assessment as part of an EIA and EMPR mandatory. and structures older than 100 years and historic 8 archaeological artefact

in making recommendations. the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA). Full cognisance is taken of this Act

- Cognisance will also be taken of the Minerals Act (Act No 50 of 1991) and the National Environmental Management Act (Act No 107 of 1998) when making any recommendations.
- significance of the site itself. If the significance of the site is rated high, the significance of the impact will also result in a high rating. The same rule applies if the significance rating of the site is impact will also result in a high rating. Rating the significance of the impact on a historical or archaeological site is linked Te
- Cultural resources are non-renewable.
- The guidelines as provided by the NHRA (Act No. 25 of 1999) in Section 3, with special reference to subsection 3, and the Australian ICOMOS Charter (also known as the Burra Charter) are used when determining the cultural significance or other special value of archaeological or historical sites
- artefacts or skeletal material be revealed at the site during construction, such activities should be halted, and a university or museum would be required to be notified in order for an investigation and evaluation of the find(s) to take place (cf. NHRA (Act No. 25 of 1999), Section 36 (6)) It should be kept in mind that archaeological deposits usually occur below ground level. Should

Planning

destroyed by the mining development. Mitigation proposals to however, be proposed throughout this process scientific value from the settlements as possible, due to the strong possibility that these sites will be Please note that the aim of a Phase 2 archaeological investigation is to obtain as much information and minimise the impact on these sites will

The following structure is proposed for this Phase 2 investigation.

4.2 STEP 1: Surveying and mapping

The focus of this part of the investigation is an extended Late Iron Age (c. AD 1640 - AD 1830s) stone walled complex on one of the outcrops which falls within the proposed area of mining. Midden-like deposits have also been recorded on the site. To comply with SAHRA' requirements the features and stone walled structures must be surveyed and documented. This aspect is two-fold:

- walled structures in the proposed mining area To produce an area map indicating the specific location of occurrences, features ე ე stone
- To survey and produce a detailed map of the various stonewall settlements in the area

SAHRA. Detailed maps of the archaeological remains will be mandatory for further development negotiations with

Quotation

R13 600	Total
R3 600	Survey Assistant (3days: R150 @ hour, 8 hours)
R4 000	Preparing data and maps on GIS (2 days: R250 @ hour, 8 hours)
R6 000	Survey of archaeological sites in the proposed mining area Detailed survey of stone walled settlements in the area (3 days: R250 @ hour, 8 hours)
	FP Coetzee
	Archaeologist

the survey process The following two actions might be taken depending on the detailed investigation of the settlement during

4.2 STEP 2: Auger sampling

The aim of this step is to test the depth and artefact concentration of possible midden deposits, that were identified during the site survey process. The location of hut floors, graves and other features will also be attempted. The survey grid will be used to conduct specific and random sampling on the settlements. An auger permit must be obtained from SAHRA to disturb and possibly remove artefacts from the settlement

Take and analyse auger samples (1 days: R250 @ hour, 8 hours)	Archaeologist FP Coetzee	Quotation
R2000		

The auger sampling will determine whether full-scale rescue excavations will have to be conducted

4.3 STEP 3: Rescue Excavations

Substantial deposits, but remains, graves and other significant features might necessitate full scale rescue excavations. This process consists of excavations, sorting, analysing, classifying and curating of the material. These findings must also be extensively reported on by the archaeologist to fulfill SAHRA's permit conditions

investigation is reached As a result of its complexity a separate quotation will be provided when or if this stage of the Phase

Conclusion

I hope this proposal provides a clear framework which will satisfy all parties concerned. Be assured that progress made and new developments encountered during this process will be communicated effectively.

Yours sincerely

Francois Coetzee