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ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

BY ARCHAEOLOGY/PALAEONTOLOGY UNIT OF THE HERITAGE RESOURCES AGENCY

South Africa has a unique and non-renewable archaeological and palaeontological heritage. Archaeological and palaeontological sites are protected in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act No 25 of 1999) and may not be disturbed without a permit. Archaeological Impact Assessments (AIAs) and Palaeontological Impact Assessments (PIAs) identify and assess the significance of the sites, assess the potential impact of developments upon such sites, and make recommendations concerning mitigation and management of these sites. On the basis of satisfactory specialist reports SAHRA or the relevant heritage resources agency can assess whether or not it has objection to a development and indicate the conditions upon which such development might proceed and assess whether or not to issue permission to destroy such sites.

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- A. PROVINCIAL HERITAGE RESOURCES AUTHORITY: **NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE/Mr Joas Sinthumule**.....
- B. SAHRA PROVINCIAL MANAGER : **NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE : Mrs Molebiemang Manong**
- C. AUTHOR(S) OF REPORT: **Mr C Dreyer**
- D. ARCHAEOLOGY CONTRACT GROUP: **Pr. Archaeologist/ Heritage Specialist**
- E. CONTACT DETAILS: **P. O. Box 12910, Brandhof, 9324, Tel: 051 444 1187, Fax: 051 401 2363, Cell: 083 357 7982, E-mail: dreyerj@telkomsa.net**.....
- F. DATE OF REPORT: **December 2006**
- G. TITLE OF REPORT: **FIRST PHASE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED BORROW PITS SITES ON THE KGALAGADI ACCESS ROAD BETWEEN ASKHAM & TWEE RIVIEREN, NORTHERN CAPE**.....
- H. Please circle as relevant: Archaeological component of EIA / EMP / HIA / CMP Other (Specify).....
- I. REPORT COMMISSIONED BY (CONSULTANT OR DEVELOPER): **department of Transport, Roads and Public works**
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- K. COMMENTS:

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REVIEW COMMENT ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT*C Dreyer**December 2006, Received 30 January 2007****FIRST PHASE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED BORROW PITS SITES ON THE KGALAGADI ACCESS ROAD BETWEEN ASKHAM & TWEE RIVIEREN, NORTHERN CAPE*****A. INTRODUCTION**

Seven borrow pits were investigated along the road between Askham and Tweerivieren, Northern Cape for possible archaeological and historical material that might be found. All the sites visited contained existing borrow pits. There are graves that are not part of the proposed development and they will not be affected in anyway.

B. SAHRA RECOMMENDATIONS

1. SAHRA supports the recommendations of the author.

C. CONCLUSION

As there is apparently no evidence of any significant archaeological material in this area, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorite Unit has no objection to the development (in terms of the archaeological component 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 during development, construction or mining, SAHRA or an archaeologist must be alerted immediately.

Decisions on Built Environment (e.g. structures over 60 years) and Cultural Landscapes must be made by the Northern Cape Provincial Heritage Authority (Mr Joas Sinthumule jsinthumule@bp.ncape.gov.za) to whom we will send the Impact Assessment Report and this Comment before it is sent to you.

NAME OF ARCHAEOLOGIST PROCESSING REPORT: Portia Ramalamula.....

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NAME OF HERITAGE RESOURCES AGENCY: SAHRA.....

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