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# Proposed Repair and Upgrade of the Helpmekaar Dam, Farm Honde Nek 134, near Tarkastad, Chris Hani District Municipality, Eastern Cape

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- That work conducted have been done in an objective manner and that any circumstances that may have compromised objectivity have been reported on transparently;
- That all material information collected for purposes of this application, that may reasonably influence the decision of the competent authority, are transparently disclosed in the report; and
- That work conducted have been done in accordance with relevant heritage legislation, regulations and policy guidelines, and with cognisance to environmental legislation, regulations and policies, including the principle of Integrated Environmental Management (IEM).

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#### **Executive Summary**

#### **Project Description –**

Isi-Xwiba Consulting have been appointed as independent EAP by the owner and developer, Ribbokkop Boerdery (Pty) Ltd, to apply for the EA, including a BAR and EMPr to the Eastern Cape DEDEAT for the *Proposed Repair and Upgrade of the Helpmekaar Dam, Farm Honde Nek* 134, *near Tarkastad*, *Chris Hani District Municipality, Eastern Cape*. The proposed development is situated at general development coordinate S31°52'00.2"; E26°21"09.2" [1:50,000 Map Ref – 3126CD] and comprises an approximate 3.75ha study site. The existing dam wall measures roughly 268m in length and 4m in height. Due to long term ageing and other damages, including flooding, silting and erosion the original storage capacity of the dam has been lost, with the upper section of the dam wall completely washed off and with multiple holes punctured through the mid-sections of the remainder of the wall. The old spillway has also been damaged, resulting in leakage downstream of the dam wall. It is proposed that the dam wall be repaired and upgraded to measure 371m in length and 6.5m in height, constituting a 34,095m<sup>3</sup> earth dam wall, which will accommodate a dam with a water storage capacity of 88,872m<sup>3</sup>, and a surface water area of 3.72ha. The proposed development includes an approximate 1.3km pipeline for purposes of irrigation of existing cultivated land south-east of the dam, as per the previous purpose of the dam.

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**Project Name & Locality:** Proposed Repair and Upgrade of the Helpmekaar Dam, Farm Honde Nek 134, near Tarkastad, Chris Hani District Municipality, Eastern Cape [1:50,000 Map Ref – 3126CD].

#### **Summary of Findings:**

Four (4) archaeological and cultural heritage sites or resources (Sites HN-01 – HN-04), as defined and protected by the NHRA 1999, were identified during the field assessment. All identified sites comprise Colonial Period sites, all of which will be conserved by development; with relevant temporary conservation measures to be instated during the construction phase of development (Site HN-01), conservation measures not applicable due to the continued use-function of the (Site HN-02) or with permanent conservation measures already in place (Sites HN-03 and HN04).

The study site is characterized by a low density of surface Stone Age lithics, primarily comprising Middle Stone Age (MSA) and to a lesser extend Later Stone Age (LSA) macrolithic artefacts, but with artefact ratios (artefacts: m<sup>2</sup>) too low to be archaeologically significant. Infrequent Colonial Period bottle glass and porcelain sherds do not signify midden deposits, but merely past incidents of breakage.

- > The proposed development poses no 'Fatal Flaws' with reference to archaeological and cultural heritage resources.
- From an archaeological and cultural heritage point of view consideration of a 'No Development' option is irrelevant.
- Site HN-01: The developer should comply with recommended temporary conservation measures during the construction phase of development. Site HN-02 will serve a continued use-function directly associated with the development, while heritage compliant permanent conservation measures are already in place at Sites HN-03 and HN-04.
- The development will have a long-term positive cumulative (conservation based on continued use-function) impact on site HN-02 and an indirect positive cumulative (conservation) impact on Site HN-04.
- [In the event of any incidental archaeological and cultural heritage resources, as defined and protected by the NHRA 1999, being identified during the course of development the process described in 'Appendix B: Heritage Protocol for Incidental Finds during the Construction Phase' should be followed. The development is advised to ensure a sufficient heritage contingency budget to address incidental finds during the course of development.]

#### **Recommendations** –

With reference to archaeological and cultural heritage compliance, as per the requirements of the NHRA 1999, it is recommended that the Proposed Repair and Upgrade of the Helpmekaar Dam, Farm Honde Nek 134, near Tarkastad, Chris Hani District Municipality, Eastern Cape development proceeds as applied for, provided the developer comply with the recommended archaeological and cultural heritage compliance requirements (see Heritage Compliance Summary – piii).

The EC PHRA-APM Unit HIA Comment will state legal requirements for development to proceed, or reasons why, from a heritage perspective, development may not be further considered.

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Heritage Compliance Summary – Proposed Repair and Upgrade of the Helpmekaar Dam, Farm Honde Nek 134, near Tarkastad, Chris Hani District Municipality, Eastern Cape							
Map Code	Site	Co-ordinates	Site Significance	Recommendations			
Helpmekaa	r Dam						
HN-01	Colonial Period – Structure Foundation Remains	S31°51'55.3"; E26°21'13.2"	Low Significance Grade IV-C Field Rating	Temporary Conservation - Temporary fence and signage during the construction phase			
HN-02	Colonial Period – Wall	S31°52'02.4"; E26°21'10.8"	Medium Significance Grade IV-B Field Rating	In-situ Conservation - No conservation measures recommended due to continued use function of the site			
HN-03	Colonial Period – Workers Residences	S31°52'14.7"; E26°21'13.7"	Low Significance Grade IV-C Field Rating	Permanent Conservation - Conservation measures are in place			
HN-04	Colonial Period – Farmstead	S31°52'11.7"; E26°21'30.3"	High Significance Local Grade III-A Field Rating	Permanent Conservation - Conservation measures are in place			
A low density of MSA (& LSA) surface artefacts characterize the study site. Artefact ratios (artefacts: m <sup>2</sup> ) are however too low to designate the observation as a 'site' or 'occurrence'. Infrequent Colonial Period surface remains including bottle glass and porcelain sherds do not designate midden denosits, but merely incidents of breakage							
N/A	Helpmekaar Dam (HD)	S31°52'00.2"; E26°21"09.2"	N/A	N/A			
N/A	Pipeline	S31°52'00.3"; E26°21'11.3" (HD)	N/A	N/A			
N/A	-	S31°52'12.7"; E26°21'19.1"	N/A	N/A			
N/A	-	S31°52'21.7"; E26°21'29.2" (A1)	N/A	N/A			
N/A	-	S31°52'23.3"; E26°21'23.8" (A2)	N/A	N/A			
N/A	Agricultural Field 1 (A1)	S31°52'16.0"; E26°21'26.4"	N/A	N/A			
N/A	Agricultural Field 2 (A2)	S31°52'21.8"; E26°21'22.1"	N/A	N/A			

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ArchaeoMaps have been appointed by Isi-Xwiba Consulting to compile the Phase 1 Archaeological & Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment (AIA) for the development, as specialist component to the application's Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA), and with findings and recommendations thereof to be included in the BAR and EMPr. Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Phase 1 AIA are summarized as:

- Describe the existing area to be directly affected by the proposal in terms of its archaeological and cultural heritage characteristics as formally protected by the National Heritage Resources Act, No 25 of 1999 (NHRA 1999) and the general sensitivity of these components to change;
- Describe the likely scope, scale and significance of impacts (positive and negative) on the archaeological and cultural heritage resources of the area associated with the 1) construction and 2) operation or use phases of the proposal;
- Make recommendations on the scope of any mitigation measures that may be applied during the 1) construction and 2) operation or use phases to reduce / avoid the significance of identified related impacts. Mitigation measures could be design recommendations as well as operational controls, monitoring programmes, Phase 2 mitigation, management procedures and the like;
- Broadly describe the implication of a 'No Development' option;
- Broadly comment on the cumulative impact (positive or negative) on archaeological or cultural heritage resources associated with the 1) construction and 2) operation or use phases of the proposal; and
- Confirm if there are any outright 'Fatal Flaws' to the proposal at its current location from an archaeological and cultural heritage perspective.



Map 1: General locality of the Proposed Repair and Upgrade of the Helpmekaar Dam, Farm Honde Nek 134, near Tarkastad, CHDM, EC - 01 (Base Map – MapStudio, 2008)

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Map 2: General locality of the Proposed Repair and Upgrade of the Helpmekaar Dam, Farm Honde Nek 134, near Tarkastad, CHDM, EC – 02 [1:50,000 Map Ref - 3126CD]

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Map 3: General locality of the Proposed Repair and Upgrade of the Helpmekaar Dam, Farm Honde Nek 134, near Tarkastad, CHDM, EC – 03



Map 4: General locality of the Proposed Repair and Upgrade of the Helpmekaar Dam, Farm Honde Nek 134, near Tarkastad, CHDM, EC - 04

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Figure 1: Layout plan of the Proposed Repair and Upgrade of the Helpmekaar Dam, Farm Honde Nek 134, near Tarkastad, CHDM, EC (courtesy Isi-Xwiba)

#### 2.1) Archaeological & Cultural Heritage Legislative Compliance

The Phase 1 Archaeological & Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment (AIA) for the Proposed Repair and Upgrade of the Helpmekaar Dam, Farm Honde Nek 134, near Tarkastad, Chris Hani District Municipality, Eastern Cape, was requested to meet the Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority's (EC PHRA) requirements with reference to archaeological and basic cultural heritage resources in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, No 25 of 1999 (NHRA 1999), with specific reference to Section 38(1)(a) and 38(1)(c)(i). This report is submitted in (partial) fulfilment of the NHRA 1999, Section 38(3) requirements, for purposes of a NHRA 1999, Section 38(4) / Section 38(8) Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) Comment by the EC PHRA.

NHRA <sup>·</sup>	1999,	Section 38
1) Sub	oject to	the provisions of subsections 7), 8) and 9), any person who intends to undertake a development categorized as –
	a)	The construction of a road, wall, powerline, pipeline, canal or other similar form of linear development or barrier exceeding 300m in length;
	b)	The construction of a bridge or similar structure exceeding 50m in length;
	c)	Any development or other activity which will change the character of a site –
		i. Exceeding 5,000m <sup>2</sup> in extent; or
		ii. Involving three or more existing erven or subdivisions thereof; or
		iii. Involving three or more erven or subdivisions thereof which have been consolidated within the past five years; or
		<ul> <li>The costs which will exceed a sum set in terms of regulations by SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority;</li> </ul>
	d)	The rezoning of a site exceeding 10,000m² in extent;
	e)	Any other category of development provided for in regulations by SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority,
	Mus and	t at the very earliest stages of initiating such a development, notify the responsible heritage resources authority furnish it with details regarding the location, nature and extent of the proposed development.

Table 1: Extract from the NHRA 1999, Section 38

The Phase 1 AIA aimed to locate, identify and assess the significance of archaeological and cultural heritage resources, inclusive of archaeological deposits / sites (Stone Age, Iron Age and Colonial Period), rock art and shipwreck sites, built structures older than 60 years, sites of military history older than 75 years, certain categories of burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, basic living heritage and cultural landscapes and viewscapes as defined and protected by the NHRA 1999, Section 2, 34, 35 and 36, that may be affected by the development.

This report comprises a Phase 1 AIA, including a basic pre-feasibility study and field assessment only. The report was prepared in accordance with the 'Minimum Standards' specifications for Phase 1 AIA reports, as stipulated by SAHRA (2007).

Additional relevant legislation pertaining to the Phase 1 AIA is listed as:

• National Environmental Management Act, No 107 of 1998 (NEMA 1998) and associated Regulations (2017).

#### 2.2) Methodology & Gap Analysis

The Phase 1 AIA includes a basic pre-feasibility study and field assessment:

 The pre-feasibility assessment is based on the Appendix A schematic outline of South Africa's Pre-colonial and Colonial past, associated with introductory archaeological as well as general and scientific literature available and relevant to the study site. Databases consulted include the SAHRA 2009 Mapping Project Database (MPD), the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS) and SAHRA database(s) on declared Provincial Heritage Sites (PHS) pertaining to the study site. The study excludes consultation of museum and university databases.  The field assessment was done over a 1 day period (17 November 2020) with fieldwork conducted by the author. The assessment was done by vehicle and foot and limited to a Phase 1 surface survey. GPS co-ordinates were taken with Garmin Montana 680 (Datum: WGS84) Photographic documentation was done with a Canon EOS 1300D camera. A combination of Garmap (Base Camp) and Google Earth software was used in the display of spatial information.

The Phase 1 AIA was done according to the system and 'Minimum Standards' prescribed for the 3-tiered Phase 1-3 Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) process (SAHRA 2007):

- Phase 1 HIA A Phase 1 HIA is compulsory for development types as stipulated in the NHRA 1999, Section 38(1) and Section 38(8), including any other development type or study site as required by the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) or relevant Provincial Heritage Resources Authority (PHRA). A Phase 1 HIA comprises at minimum of an archaeological (AIA) and palaeontological (PIA) study, but aims to address all heritage types protected by the NHRA 1999 and to alert developers to additional heritage specialist study requirements, if and where relevant to a development. Phase 1 HIA studies focusses on pre-feasibility and desktop studies, routinely coined with field assessments in order to locate, describe and assign heritage site significance ratings to identified resources that may be impacted by development. The aim of a Phase 1 AIA is to make site specific and general development recommendations regarding identified heritage resources for development planning and implementation purposes and may include recommendations for conservation, heritage site declaration, monitoring, Phase 2 mitigation (excavation), or destruction.
- Phase 2 HIA Phase 2 HIAs are as a norm required where heritage resources of such significance have been identified during the Phase 1 HIA that mitigation (excavation) thereof is necessary for development purposes. Aside from large scale Phase 2 mitigation (routinely to precede development impact), lower keyed Phase 2 requirements may well include sampling, testing and monitoring during the construction or implementation phase of a development. Phase 2 HIA work is as a norm done under a compulsory heritage permit.
- Phase 3 HIA As an extension to Phase 2 HIA work or cases where recommendations for heritage declaration formed part of a development's heritage compliance requirements, heritage resources of such scientific or heritage tourism significance, that their long-term conservation and continued research would be necessary within a development framework is proposed as a Phase 3 HIA.

Archaeological and cultural heritage site significance assessment and associated mitigation recommendations are done according to the combined NHRA 1999, Section 7(1) and SAHRA (2007) system.

	SAHRA Archaeologi	cal & Cultural	Heritage Site Significance System
Site Significance	Field Rating	Grade	Recommended Mitigation
High Significance	National Significance	Grade I	Heritage site conservation / Heritage site development
High Significance	Provincial Significance	Grade II	Heritage site conservation / Heritage site development
High Significance	Local Significance	Grade III-A	Heritage site conservation or extensive mitigation prior to development / destruction
High Significance	Local Significance	Grade III-B	Heritage site conservation or extensive mitigation prior to development / destruction
High / Medium Significance	Generally Protected A	Grade IV-A	Heritage site conservation or mitigation prior to development / destruction
Medium Significance	Generally Protected B	Grade IV-B	Heritage site conservation or mitigation / test excavation / systematic sampling / monitoring prior to or during development / destruction
Low Significance	Generally Protected C	Grade IV-C	On-site sampling, monitoring or no heritage mitigation required prior to or during development / destruction

Table 2: SAHRA archaeological and cultural heritage site significance assessment ratings and associated mitigation recommendations

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## 2.1.1) Pre-feasibility Summary

Based on the Appendix A schematic outline of the Pre-colonial and Colonial Periods in South Africa and background literature and database information, the probability of archaeological and cultural heritage resources affected by, or situated in proximity to the Proposed Repair and Upgrade of the Helpmekaar Dam, Farm Honde Nek 134, near Tarkastad, Chris Hani District Municipality, Eastern Cape study site can briefly be described as:

Archaeological and Basic Cultural Heritage Probability Assessment – Proposed Repair and Upgrade of the Helpmekaar Dam, Farm Honde Nek 134, near Tarkastad, Chris Hani District Municipality, Eastern Cape						
Primary Type / Period	Sub-period	Sub-period type site	Probability			
EARLY HOMININ / HOMINID	-	-	None			
	Graves / human remains: High scient	tific significance				
STONE AGE	Earlier Stone Age (ESA)		None-Low			
	Middle Stone Age (MSA)		Medium			
	Later Stone Age (LSA)		Low-Medium			
		Rock Art	Low-Medium			
		Shel Middens	None			
	Graves / human remains: ESA & MSA	A - High scientific significance; LSA – Hig	gh scientific & social significance			
IRON AGE	Early Iron Age (EIA)		None			
	Middle Iron Age (MIA)		None			
	Later Iron Age (LIA)		None-Low			
	Graves / human remains: EIA – High	scientific significance; MIA & LIA – High	n scientific & social significance			
COLONIAL PERIOD	Colonial Period		Medium			
		LSA – Colonial Period Contact	None-Low			
		LIA – Colonial Period Contact	None-Low			
		Industrial Revolution	None			
		Apartheid & Struggle	None-Low			
	Graves / human remains: Medium-hi	igh scientific & high social significance				

Table 3: Archaeological and basic cultural heritage probability assessment

## 2.1.2) The SAHRA 2009 MPD & SAHRIS

Ten (10) SAHRIS cases are recorded within an approximate 50km radius from the Proposed Repair and Upgrade of the Helpmekaar Dam, Farm Honde Nek 134, near Tarkastad, Chris Hani District Municipality, Eastern Cape study site. Six (6) of the recorded SAHRIS cases are reported as 'For Noting' (SAHRIS CaseID 1170, 1202, 1668 and 1973), 'Returned to Applicant' (SAHRIS CaseID 1990), or 'Submitted' (SAHRIS CaseID 13555) only, without associated heritage reports. Four (4) of the recorded SAHRIS cases are associated with heritage reports, with one (1) additional study conducted within the 50km radius from the study site, submitted on SAHRIS, but without an associated SAHRIS CaseID. Relevant heritage reports are referenced as:

- Booth, C. (Albany Museum). 2012. A Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment for Five Proposed Borrow Pits, Whittlesea Area near Queenstown, Lukhanji Local Municipality, Eastern Pape Province (SAHRIS CaseID 238);
- Van Ryneveld, K. (ArchaeoMaps). 2011. Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment The Xashimba Abattoir, near Queenstown, Eastern Cape, South Africa (no SAHRIS / MapID case nr);
- Van Ryneveld, K. (ArchaeoMaps). 2014. Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment The Becclesfarm Bridge (Roodewal 146 & Beccles 335), near Tarkastad, Tsolwana Local Municipality, Eastern Cape, South Africa (SAHRIS CaseID 6599);
- Van Ryneveld, K. (ArchaeoMaps). 2015. Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment Spectra Foods Broiler Houses and Abattoir, Farms 170 and 171, Queenstown, Lukhanji Municipality, Eastern Cape (SAHRIS CaseID 8636); and
- Webley, L. (Albany Museum). 2008. Letter of Recommendation for the Exemption of a Full Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment: Borrow Pit, Thornhill, Tsolwana Municipality, Eastern Cape (MapID 02049).

#### 2.1.3) SAHRA Provincial Heritage Site Database – Eastern Cape

No geo-referenced declared Provincial Heritage Sites (PHS) are recorded in the SAHRA – Eastern Cape database (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\_of\_heritage\_sites\_in\_Eastern\_Cape) and situated within a 10km radius from the Proposed Repair and Upgrade of the Helpmekaar Dam, Farm Honde Nek 134, near Tarkastad, Chris Hani District Municipality, Eastern Cape study site, with the nearest PHS being situated in Tarkastad, approximately 17km from the study site and further PHSs recorded in Queenstown and Hofmeyer, roughly 50km and 60km respectively from the study site.



**Map 5:** Spatial distribution of geo-referenced PHSs in the SAHRA – Eastern Cape database in relation to the Proposed Repair and Upgrade of the Helpmekaar Dam, Farm Honde Nek 134, near Tarkastad, CHDM, EC study site (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\_of\_heritage\_sites\_in \_Eastern\_Cape)

## 2.1.4) General Discussion

No Earlier Stone Age (ESA) site / occurrence have to date been reported on in any of the heritage reports relevant to the greater *Proposed Repair and Upgrade of the Helpmekaar Dam, Farm Honde Nek 134, near Tarkastad, Chris Hani District Municipality, Eastern Cape* study site. Significant Middle Stone Age (MSA) deposits, coined with a low presence of Later Stone Age (LSA) lithics have been identified at the Xashimba study site, where surface identified artefacts are associated with significant sub-surface depth of deposits at exposed sections immediately adjacent to the study site (Van Ryneveld 2011).

The Iron Age of the greater area is poorly understood, with no reports on Early (EIA) or Later Iron Age (LIA) sites, whilst the area falls outside of the limits of Middle Iron Age (MIA) occupation.

One (1) Colonial Period farmstead have been reported on from the Becclesfarm Bridge study site, with the site still in use (Van Ryneveld 2014), while Contemporary Period farming infrastructure and structure remains designates still later development at the Spectra Foods study site (Van Ryneveld 2015).

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Four (4) archaeological and cultural heritage sites or resources (Sites HN-01 – HN-04), as defined and protected by the NHRA 1999, were identified during the field assessment. All identified sites comprise Colonial Period sites, all of which will be conserved by development; with relevant temporary conservation measures to be instated during the construction phase of development (Site HN-01), conservation measures not applicable due to the continued use-function of the (Site HN-02) or with permanent conservation measures already in place (Sites HN-03 and HN04).

A low density of Stone Age lithics characterize the cultural landscape. Surface artefacts comprise primarily Middle Stone Age (MSA) lithics; flake and blade-like artefacts and cores, and based on artefact size assigned to the later part of the MSA, as well as possible Later Stone Age (LSA) macrolithic samples. Lithics are primarily produced from baked shale / lydianite and fine-grained dolerite, not typical of the immediate area, giving the impression that they were brought into the area for purposes of use and signifying the probable presence of better type Stone Age deposits / sites in the general area, reasonably inferred in the more hilly terrain where raw material outcrops would be more common. Low density artefacts were found more readily in the lower lying areas, on and in the vicinity of the agricultural fields, than at the Helpmekaar Dam site. Artefacts were however found in such low densities that the artefact ratio (artefacts: m<sup>2</sup>) recorded of  $\leq 1:1$  is of no archaeological significance. No artefacts or discernible anthropogenic member or lens was identified in the in-situ stream sections along the pipeline route, with stream sections at places in excess of 1.5m in depth. The proposed pipeline route will largely follow an existing route.

In addition to the low density surface Stone Age lithics, localized scatters of infrequent bottle glass and porcelain sherds were also found nearer the agricultural fields, again with extremely low artefact ratios (<1:3) and not inferred to be representative of midden deposits, but merely signifying past incidents of breakage.

[The Helpmekaar Dam is situated in the upper reaches of a minor tributary of the Garrickmoor stream, draining into the Swart Kei River, and flanked by two (2) prominent hills / mountains; Toorkop to its west and Ribbokkop to its east.]

## 2.2.1) Site HN-01 – Colonial Period – Structure Foundation Remains: S31°51'55.3"; E26°21'13.2"

Site HN-01 is characterized by partially visible mud-brick structure foundation remains, indicative of an original structure with an estimated roughly 1.5m x 1.5m footprint, inferred to have been the base of an old pump station. The date of the structure is unknown, but reasonably inferred to well pre-date 60 years of age and thus formally protected by the NHRA 1999. The site is situated more or less 25m from the proposed Helpmekaar Dam study site and on the ridge above the site and will not be directly impacted by development.

Site Significance and Recommendations: Site HN-01 is ascribed a SAHRA Low Significance with a Generally Protected Grade IV-C Field Rating. The site, situated roughly 25m from the Helpmekaar Dam study site, and on the ridge above the study site will not be directly impacted by development. Temporary conservation measures during the course of the construction phase are recommended to ensure that no accidental impact will occur. Temporary conservation measures should comprise of a temporary fence (wire fence or construction netting) with an approximate 3-5m conservation buffer around the site and temporary heritage signage indicating the area as a 'Heritage Site – No Entry' zone. All temporary conservation measures should be removed upon completion of the development / construction activities in the vicinity of the site.

## 2.2.2) Site HN-02 – Colonial Period – Wall: S31°52'02.4"; E26°21'10.8"

Site HN-02 constitutes an old retainer wall characterising the spillway of the Helpmekaar Dam, approximately 30m in length and varying in height but reaching in excess of 2m. The exact date of construction is unknown, but built in the 1940s / 1950s (Pers. Comm.: F. du Plessis, Farm owner) to channel water from a spring which have since dried-up. The wall will be conserved within the proposed development, and as in the past, continue its use function in channelling water from the Helpmekaar Dam, without any alteration to the wall. The Site HN-02 Colonial Period wall thus forms an integrated part of the proposed development, but without development having a negative impact thereon. In fact,

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continued use ensures maintenance and upkeep of the site, implying a positive long-term cumulative impact on Site HN-02.

• Site Significance and Recommendations: Site HN-02 is ascribed a SAHRA Medium Significance and a Generally Protected Grade IV-B Field rating. The site will be conserved in-situ and its use-function will be continued within the proposed development framework. No additional conservation measures are applicable.

## 2.2.3) Site HN-03 – Colonial Period – Workers Residences: S31°52'14.7"; E26°21'13.7"

Site HN-03 comprises of two (2) Colonial Period workers residences, situated on the opposite side of the access road and on the adjacent property. The workers residences are not formally conserved, but the property is fenced with an access gate; sufficient for purposes of conservation relevant to the proposed development; these sites are not threatened by development. One (1) residence is situated at S31°52'14.7"; E26°21'13.7" whilst the ruined remains of second residence is located at S31°52'16.5"; S26°21'13.5". Neither of the residences are in use, with varying stages of decay the result of neglect and natural weathering.

 Site Significance and Recommendations: HN-03 is ascribed a SAHRA Low Significance with a Generally Protected Grade IV-C Field Rating. The Colonial Period workers residences, situated on the adjacent property will not be impacted by development; the site will be conserved. The property on which the Site HN-03 workers residences are located is fenced with an access gate, complying with SAHRA / EC PHRA minimum standards for permanent heritage site conservation.

## 2.2.4) Site HN-04 – Colonial Period – Farmstead: S31°52'11.7"; E26°21'30.3"

The Colonial Period Honde Nek 134 farmstead, including the farm house and outbuildings comprise a site formally protected by the NHRA 1999, being older than 60 years of age and with the farm house probably constructed during the mid-1800s. The site is well conserved and still in use on a permanent basis. The site, situated within 20m from the proposed development (agricultural fields) will not be negatively impacted by development, and it can reasonably be inferred that continued development at the property will have a positive impact, albeit indirectly, on continued site maintenance and conservation.

 Site Significance and Recommendations: Site HN-04 is ascribed a SAHRA High Significance with a Local Generally Protected Grade III-A Field Rating. The site will not be negatively impacted by development; development will have an indirect positive impact on continued site conservation. Current site conservation measures, including a fence (hedge) and access gate comply with SAHRA / EC PHRA minimum site conservation standards.



Figure 2: Chief Surveyor General diagram (CGS Record: B174/1902) of the Farm Honde Nek 134, Tarkastad, resurveyed 1899

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Plate 1: General view of the Helpmekaar Dam study site – dam wall [1]



**Plate 2:** General view of the Helpmekaar Dam study site – dam [1]



**Plate 3:** General view of the Helpmekaar Dam study site – dam [2]



**Plate 4:** General view of the Helpmekaar Dam study site – dam [3]

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**Plate 5:** General view of the Helpmekaar Dam study site – dam [4]



**Plate 6:** General view of the Helpmekaar Dam study site – dam [5]



**Plate 7:** General view of the Helpmekaar Dam study site – dam [6]



**Plate 8:** An eroded hole at the Helpmekaar Dam study site measuring approximately 1m in diameter



**Plate 9:** An eroded hole at the Helpmekaar Dam study site with vertical sections in excess of 2m in depth



Plate 10: General view of Site HN-01



Plate 11: The spillway below the dam with Site HN-02 in the distance



Plate 12: General view of Site HN-02 [1]



Plate 13: General view of Site HN-02 [2]



Plate 14: View from Site HN-02 onto the spillway



Plate 15: View from existing dam wall onto the spillway



Plate 16: General view of the line route (N-S) [1]



Plate 17: General view of the line route (N-S) [2]



Plate 18: General view of the line route (N-S) [3]



Plate 19: General view of the line route (N-S)[4]



Plate 20: General view of the line route (N-S) [5]



Plate 21: View of the Site HN-03 workers residence



Plate 22: View of the Site HN-03 workers residence ruins



Plate 23: View of Site HN-04 [1]



Plate 24: View of Site HN-04 [2]



Plate 25: Surface Stone Age lithis



Plate 26: Surface Stone Age artefacts including a core and flake



Plate 27: General view of the agricultural fields [1]



Plate 28: General view of the agricultural fields [2]



Map 6: Phase 1 AIA field assessment results for the Proposed Repair and Upgrade of the Helpmekaar Dam, Farm Honde Nek 134, near Tarkastad, CHDM, EC study site

## 3 – Environmental Impact Assessment Rating

Identified archaeological and cultural heritage resources are ascribed an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) rating, based on the outline presented below to provide a significance rating of development impact on resources, both during the 1) construction and 2) operation and use phases of development (in accordance with NEMA 1998, Regulations 2014):

Overall Nature:	<ol> <li>1) Negative (negative impact on affected biophysical or human environment), or</li> <li>2) Positive (benefit to the affected biophysical or human environment).</li> </ol>
Туре:	<ol> <li>1) Direct (caused by the action and occur at the same time and place),</li> <li>2) Indirect or secondary (caused by the action and are later in time or father removed in distance but reasonably foreseeable), or</li> <li>3) Cumulative (impact which results from the incremental impact of the action when added to other past, present and reasonably foreseeable future actions; can result from individually minor, but collectively significant actions taking place over a period of time).</li> </ol>
Spatial Extent:	<ol> <li>Site (immediate area of activity, incorporating a 5m zone from the edge of the affected area),</li> <li>Local (area up to and/or within 10km from the 'site' as defined above),</li> <li>Regional (entire community, basin or landscape), or</li> <li>National (South Africa).</li> </ol>
Duration:	<ol> <li>1) Short-term (impact would last for the duration of activities; quickly reversible),</li> <li>2) Medium-term (impact would affect project activity; reversible over time),</li> <li>3) Long-term (impact would continue beyond project activity), or</li> <li>4) Permanent (impact would continue beyond decommissioning).</li> </ol>
Severity:	1) Low, 2) Medium, or 3) High, being +) Positive, or -) Negative (based on separately described categories examining whether the impact is destructive or benign, whether it destroys the impacted environment, alters its functionality or slightly alters he environment itself).
Reversibility:	<ol> <li>Completely reversible (completely reversible impact with implementation of correct mitigation measures),</li> <li>Partly reversible (partly reversible impact with implementation of correct mitigation measures), or</li> <li>Irreversible (impact cannot be reversed, regardless of mitigation or rehabilitation measures).</li> </ol>
Replaceability:	<ol> <li>1) Resource will not be lost (resource will not be lost provided mitigation measures are implemented),</li> <li>2) Resource will be partly lost (partial loss or destruction of the resource will occur even though management and mitigation measures are implemented), or</li> <li>3) Resource cannot be replaced (resource is irreplaceable no matter which management or mitigation measures are implemented).</li> </ol>
Probability:	<ol> <li>1) Unlikely (&lt;40% probability),</li> <li>2) Possible (40% probability),</li> <li>3) Probable (&gt;70% probability), or</li> <li>4) Definite (&gt;90% probability).</li> </ol>
Mitigation potential:	<ol> <li>High or completely mitigatable (relatively easy and cost effective to manage. Specialist expertize and equipment generally not required. Nature of impact easily understood and may be mitigated through implementation of a management plan or 'good housekeeping', including regular monitoring and reporting regimes. Significance of the impact after mitigation is likely to be low or negligible),</li> <li>Moderate or partially mitigatable (management requires higher level of expertise and resources to maintain impacts with acceptable levels. Mitigation can be tied up in the design of the project. Significance of the impact after mitigate the impact entirely, with residual impacts resulting), or</li> <li>Low or un-mitigatable (will not be possible to mitigate the impact entirely, regardless of expertise and resources. Potential to manage the impacts may be beyond the scope of the project. Management of the impact is not likely to result in a measurable change in the level of significance).</li> </ol>
Impact significance:	<ol> <li>Negligible,</li> <li>Low (largely of HIGH mitigation potential, after consideration of other criteria),</li> <li>Moderate (largely of MODERATE or partial mitigation potential, after consideration of other criteria), or</li> <li>Substantial (largely of LOW mitigation potential, after consideration of other criteria).</li> </ol>

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Potential Overall Type		Spatial	Duration	Severity	Reversibility	Replaceability	Probability	MITIGATION	IMPACT SIGNIFICANCE		MITIGATION	
Impacts	nature		extent						POTENTIAL	Without mitigation	With mitigation	MEASURES
SITES: HN-01												
Construction phase	Negative	Direct	Site	Short Term	Low (-)	Completely reversable	Resource will not be lost	Unlikely	High or completely mitigatable	Low	Substantial	Temporary Conservation fencing and signage
Operational phase	Positive	Direct	Site	Long term	Med (+)	N/A	N/A	Definite	N/A	Substantial	Substantial	Permanent Conservation
SITES: HN-02												
Construction phase	Positive	Direct	Site	Short Term	Med (-)	Irreversible	Resource will not be lost	Possible	N/A	N/A	N/A	In-situ Conservation including continuation of use function
Operational phase	Positive	Cumulative	Site	Permanent	High (+)	N/A	N/A	Definite	N/A	Substantial	Substantial	Permanent Conservation
SITES: HN-03												
Construction phase	Positive	Direct	Site	Permanent	Low (-)	Completely reversable	Resource will not be lost	Unlikely	N/A	Low	Substantial	Permanent Conservation
Operational phase	Positive	Direct	Site	Permanent	High (+)	N/A	N/A	Definite	N/A	Substantial	Substantial	Permanent Conservation
SITES: HN-04												
Construction phase	Positive	Direct	Site	Permanent	Med (-)	Irreversible	Resource will not be lost	Definite	N/A	High	Substantial	Permanent Conservation
Operational phase	Positive	Cumulative	Local	Permanent	High (+)	N/A	N/A	Definite	N/A	Substantial	Substantial	Permanent Conservation
Mitigation deta Site HN-01: Tem	ils: porary Conserv	ation – Temporar	y fence and sig	nage during the o	construction ph	ase;	to					

Site HN-02: In-situ Conservation – No conservation measures recommended due to continued use function of the site;

Site HN-03: Permanent Conservation – Conservation measures are in place; and

Site HN-04: Permanent Conservation – Conservation measures are in place.

 Table 4: Environmental Impact Assessment Rating: Proposed Repair and Upgrade of the Helpmekaar Dam, Farm Honde Nek 134, near Tarkastad, CHDM, EC

With reference to archaeological and cultural heritage compliance, as per the requirements of the NHRA 1999, it is recommended that the Proposed Repair and Upgrade of the Helpmekaar Dam, Farm Honde Nek 134, near Tarkastad, Chris Hani District Municipality, Eastern Cape development proceeds as applied for, provided the developer comply with the recommended archaeological and cultural heritage compliance requirements.

Four (4) archaeological and cultural heritage sites or resources (Sites HN-01 – HN-04), as defined and protected by the NHRA 1999, were identified during the field assessment. All identified sites comprise Colonial Period sites, all of which will be conserved by development; with relevant temporary conservation measures to be instated during the construction phase of development (Site HN-01), conservation measures not applicable due to the continued use-function of the (Site HN-02) or with permanent conservation measures already in place (Sites HN-03 and HN04).

The study site is characterized by a low density of surface Stone Age lithics, primarily comprising Middle Stone Age (MSA) and to a lesser extend Later Stone Age (LSA) macrolithic artefacts, but with artefact ratios (artefacts: m<sup>2</sup>) too low to be archaeologically significant. Infrequent Colonial Period bottle glass and porcelain sherds do not signify midden deposits, but merely past incidents of breakage.

- > The proposed development poses no 'Fatal Flaws' with reference to archaeological and cultural heritage resources.
- From an archaeological and cultural heritage point of view consideration of a 'No Development' option is irrelevant.
- Site HN-01: The developer should comply with recommended temporary conservation measures during the construction phase of development. Site HN-02 will serve a continued use-function directly associated with the development, while heritage compliant permanent conservation measures are already in place at Sites HN-03 and HN-04.
- The development will have a long-term positive cumulative (conservation based on continued use-function) impact on site HN-02 and an indirect positive cumulative (conservation) impact on Site HN-04.
- [In the event of any incidental archaeological and cultural heritage resources, as defined and protected by the NHRA 1999<sup>1</sup>, being identified during the course of development the process described in 'Appendix B: Heritage Protocol for Incidental Finds during the Construction Phase' should be followed. The developer is advised to ensure a sufficient heritage contingency budget to address incidental finds during the course of development.]

The EC PHRA-APM Unit HIA Comment will state legal requirements for development to proceed, or reasons why, from a heritage perspective, development may not be further considered.

**Notes:** Should any registered Interested & Affected Party (I&AP) wish to be consulted in terms of Section 38(3)(e) of the NHRA 1999 (socio-cultural consultation / SAHRA SIA) it is recommended that the developer / EAP ensures that the consultation be prioritized within the timeframe of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Simplified Guide to the Identification of Archaeological Sites:

Stone Age – Knapped stone display flakes and flake scars that appear unnatural and may result in similar type 'shaped' stones often concentrated in clusters or forming a distinct layer in the geological stratigraphy. ESA shapes may represent 'pear' or oval shaped stones, often in the region of 10cm or larger. Typical MSA types include blade-like or rough triangular shaped artefacts, often associated with randomly shaped lithics or flakes that display use- or edge-wear around the rim of the artefact. LSA types are similar to MSA types, but generally smaller (<3cm in size), often informally shaped, and are frequently found in association with bone, pieces of charcoal, ceramic shards and food remains.</p>

Rock Art – Includes both painted and engraved images.

<sup>•</sup> Shell Middens – Include compact shell lenses that may be quite extensive in size or small ephemeral scatters of shell food remains, often associated with LSA artefact remains, but may also be of MSA and Iron Age cultural association.

Iron Age – Iron Age sites are often characterized by stone features, i.e. the remains of former livestock enclosures or typical household remains; huts are identified by either mound or depression hollows. Typical artefacts include ceramic remains, farming equipment, beads and trade goods, metal artefacts (including jewellery) etc. Remains of the 'Struggle' – events, histories and landmarks associated therewith are often, based on cultural association, classed as part of the Iron Age heritage of South Africa.

Colonial Period – Built environment remains, either urban or rural, are of a Western cultural affiliation with typical artefacts representing early Western culture, including typical household remains, trade and manufactured goods, such as old bottle, porcelain and metal artefacts. War memorial remains, including the vast array of associated graves and the history of the Industrial Revolution form important parts of South Africa's Colonial Period heritage.

Grave and Cemetery Sites – Marked grave and cemetery sites are routinely associated with the Iron Age and Colonial Period. Unmarked grave sites associated with the Stone Age, Iron Age and Colonial Period may be uncovered during the course of development.

Heritage Compliance Summary – Proposed Repair and Upgrade of the Helpmekaar Dam, Farm Honde Nek 134, near Tarkastad, Chris Hani District Municipality, Eastern Cape										
Map Code	Site	te Co-ordinates Site Significance Recommendations								
Helpmekaa	r Dam									
HN-01	Colonial Period – Structure Foundation Remains	S31°51'55.3"; E26°21'13.2"	Low Significance Grade IV-C Field Rating	Temporary Conservation - Temporary fence and signage during the construction phase						
HN-02	Colonial Period – Wall	S31°52'02.4"; E26°21'10.8"	Medium Significance Grade IV-B Field Rating	In-situ Conservation - No conservation measures recommended due to continued use function of the site						
HN-03	Colonial Period – Workers Residences	S31°52'14.7"; E26°21'13.7"	Low Significance Grade IV-C Field Rating	Permanent Conservation - Conservation measures are in place						
HN-04	Colonial Period – Farmstead	S31°52'11.7"; E26°21'30.3"	High Significance Local Grade III-A Field Rating	Permanent Conservation - Conservation measures are in place						
A low density of MSA (& LSA) surface artefacts characterize the study site. Artefact ratios (artefacts: m <sup>2</sup> ) are however too low to designate the observation as a 'site' or 'occurrence'. Infrequent Colonial Period surface remains including bottle glass and porcelain sherds do not designate midden denosits, but merely incidents of breakage										
N/A	Helpmekaar Dam (HD)	S31°52'00.2"; E26°21"09.2"	N/A	N/A						
N/A	Pipeline	S31°52'00.3"; E26°21'11.3" (HD)	N/A	N/A						
N/A	-	S31°52'12.7"; E26°21'19.1"	N/A	N/A						
N/A	-	S31°52'21.7"; E26°21'29.2" (A1)	N/A	N/A						
N/A	-	S31°52'23.3"; E26°21'23.8" (A2)	N/A	N/A						
N/A	Agricultural Field 1 (A1)	S31°52'16.0"; E26°21'26.4"	N/A	N/A						
N/A	Agricultural Field 2 (A2)	S31°52'21.8"; E26°21'22.1"	N/A	N/A						

 Table 5: Heritage compliance summary

## 5 – Acronyms & Abbreviations

	List of Acronyms and Abbreviations
AD	Anno Domini (the year o)
AIA	Archaeological (and Cultural Heritage) Impact Assessment
AMAFA	Amafa aKwaZulu-Natali (Natal PHRA)
ASAPA	Association of Southern African Professional Archaeologists
BAR	Basic Assessment Report
BC	Before the Birth of Christ (the year o)
BCE	Before the Common Era (the year o)
BID	Background Information Document
BP	Before the Present (the year o)
Cm	Centimetre
CMP	Conservation Management Plan
CRM	Cultural Resources Management
DAC	Department of Arts and Culture
DEAT	Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism
DME	Department of Minerals and Energy
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
ECO	Environmental Control Officer
ELO	Environmental Liaison Officer
EC PHRA	Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Agency
EIA,	Environmental Impact Assessment
EIA	Early Iron Age
EMPr	Environmental Management Plan / Programme Report
ESA	Earlier Stone Age
На	Hectare
HIA	Heritage Impact Assessment
HWC	Heritage Western Cape
ICOMOS	International Council on Monuments and Sites
IEM	Integrated Environmental Management
Km	Kilometre
Куа	Thousands of years ago
LIA	Later Iron Age
LSA	Later Stone Age
М	Metre
m²	Square metre
MIA	Middle Iron Age
Mm	Millimetre
MPRDA 2002	Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act. No 28 of 2002
MSA	Middle Stone Age
Mya	Millions of years ago
NEMA 1998	National Environmental Management Act. No 107 of 1998
NHRA 1999	National Heritage Resources Act, No 25 of 1999
PIA	Palaeontological Impact Assessment
PHRA	Provincial Heritage Resources Agency
PSSA	Palaeontological Society of Southern Africa
SAHRA	South African Heritage Resources Agency
SAHRIS	South African Heritage Resources Information System
SIA	Social Impact Assessment

Table 6: List of Acronyms and Abbreviations

– Phase 1 Archaeological & Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment Proposed Repair and Upgrade of the Helpmekaar Dam, Farm Honde Nek 134, near Tarkastad, Chris Hani District Municipality, EC

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#### Heritage Protocol for Incidental Finds during the Construction Phase

Should any palaeontological, archaeological or cultural heritage resources, including human remains / graves, as defined and protected by the NHRA 1999, be identified during the construction phase of development (including as a norm during vegetation clearing, surface scraping, trenching and excavation phases), it is recommended that the process described below be followed.

#### On-site Reporting Process:

- 1. The identifier should immediately notify his / her supervisor of the find.
- 2. The identifier's supervisor should immediately (and within 24 hours after reporting by the identifier) report the incident to the onsite SHE / SHEQ officer.
- 3. The on-site SHE / SHEQ officer should immediately (and within 24 hours after reporting by the relevant supervisor) report the incident to the appointed ECO / ELO officer. [Should the find relate to human remains the SHE / SHEQ officer should immediately notify the nearest SAPS station informing them of the find].
- 4. The ECO / ELO officer should ensure that the find is within 72 hours after the SHE / SHEQ officers report reported on SAHRIS and that a relevant heritage specialist is contacted to make arrangements for a heritage site inspection. [Should the find relate to human remains the ECO / ELO officer should ensure that the archaeological site inspection coincides with a SAPS site inspection, to verify if the find is of forensic, authentic (informal / older than 60 years), or archaeological (older than 100 years) origin].
- 5. The appointed heritage specialist should compile a 'heritage site inspection' report based on the site-specific findings. The site inspection report should make recommendations for the destruction, conservation or mitigation of the find and prescribe a recommended way forward for development. The 'heritage site inspection' report should be submitted to the ECO / ELO, who should ensure submission thereof on SAHRIS.
- 6. SAHRA / the relevant PHRA will state legal requirements for development to proceed in the SAHRA / PHRA Comment on the 'heritage site inspection' report.
- 7. The developer should proceed with implementation of the SAHRA / PHRA Comment requirements. SAHRA / PHRA Comment requirements may well stipulate permit specifications for development to proceed.
  - Should permit specifications stipulate further Phase 2 archaeological investigation (including grave mitigation) a suitably accredited heritage specialist should be appointed to conduct the work according to the applicable SAHRA / PHRA process. The heritage specialist should apply for the permit. Upon issue of the SAHRA / PHRA permit the Phase 2 heritage mitigation program may commence.
  - Should permit specifications stipulate destruction of the find under a SAHRA / PHRA permit the developer should immediately proceed with the permit application. Upon the issue of the SAHRA / PHRA permit the developer may legally proceed with destruction of the palaeontological, archaeological or cultural heritage resource.
  - Upon completion of the Phase 2 heritage mitigation program the heritage specialist will submit a Phase 2 report to the ECO / ELO, who should in turn ensure submission thereof on SAHRIS. Report recommendations may include that the remainder of a heritage site be destroyed under a SAHRA / PHRA permit.
  - Should the find relate to human remains of forensic origin the matter will be directly addressed by the SAPS: A SAHRA
     / PHRA permit will not be applicable.

NOTE: Note that SAHRA / PHRA permit and process requirements relating to the mitigation of human remains requires suitable advertising of the find, a consultation, mitigation and re-internment / deposition process.

- 1. The supervisor should immediately upon reporting by the identifier ensure that all work in the vicinity of the find is ceased.
- 2. The supervisor should ensure that the location of the find is immediately secured (and within 12 hours of reporting by the identifier), by means of a temporary conservation fence (construction netting) allowing for a 5-10m heritage conservation buffer zone around the find. The temporary conserved area should be sign-posted as a 'No Entry Heritage Site' zone.
- 3. Where development has impacted on the resource, no attempt should be made to remove artefacts / objects / remains further from their context, and artefacts / objects / remains that have been removed should be collected and placed within the conservation area or kept for safekeeping with the SHE / SHEQ officer. It is imperative that where development has impacted on palaeontological, archaeological and cultural heritage resources the context of the find be preserved as good as possible for interpretive and sample testing purposes.
- 4. The supervisor should record the name, company and capacity of the identifier and compile a brief report describing the events surrounding the find. The report should be submitted to the SHE / SHEQ officer at the time of the incident report.

#### Duties of the SHE / SHEQ Officer:

- 1. The SHE / SHEQ officer should ensure that the location of the find is recorded with a GPS. A photographic record of the find (including implementation of temporary conservation measures) should be compiled. Where relevant a scale bar or object that can indicate scale should be inserted in photographs for interpretive purposes.
- 2. The SHE / SHEQ officer should ensure that the supervisors report, GPS co-ordinate and photographic record of the find be submitted to the ECO / ELO officer. [Should the find relate to human remains the SHE / SHEQ officer should ensure that the mentioned reporting be made available to the SAPS at the time of the incident report].
- 3. Any retrieved artefacts / objects / remains should, in consultation with the ECO / ELO officer, be deposited in a safe place (preferably on-site) for safekeeping.

#### Duties of the ECO / ELO officer:

- 1. The ECO / ELO officer should ensure that the incident is reported on SAHRIS. (The ECO / ELO officer should ensure that he / she is registered on the relevant SAHRIS case with SAHRIS authorship to the case at the time of appointment to enable heritage reporting].
- 2. The ECO / ELO officer should ensure that the incident report is forwarded to the heritage specialist for interpretive purposes at his / her soonest opportunity and prior to the heritage site inspection.
- 3. The ECO / ELO officer should facilitate appointment of the heritage specialist by the developer / construction consultant for the heritage site inspection.
- 4. The ECO / ELO officer should facilitate access by the heritage specialist to any retrieved artefacts / objects / remains that have been kept in safekeeping.
- 5. The ECO / ELO officer should facilitate coordination of the heritage site inspection and the SAPS site inspection in the event of a human remains incident report.
- The ECO / ELO officer should facilitate heritage reporting and heritage compliance requirements by SAHRA / the relevant PHRA, between the developer / construction consultant, the heritage specialist, the SHE / SHEQ officer (where relevant) and the SAPS (where relevant).

#### > Duties of the Developer / Construction Consultant:

The developer / construction consultant should ensure that an adequate heritage contingency budget is accommodated within the project budget to facilitate and streamline the heritage compliance process in the event of identification of incidental palaeontological, archaeological and cultural heritage resources during the course of development, including as a norm during vegetation clearing, surface scraping, trenching and excavation phases, when resources not visible at the time of the surface assessment may well be exposed.

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Occupation:	Archaeologist	
Qualification:	MSc Archaeology (WITS University – 2003)	
Accreditation:	1) Association of Southern African Professional Archaeologists (ASAPA) accredited Cultural Resources	
	Management CRM practitioner [member nr – 163]	
	<ul> <li>2010 – ASAPA CRM Section: Principle Investigator – Stone Age</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>2005 – ASAPA CRM Section: Field Director – Iron Age &amp; Colonial Period</li> </ul>	
	2) SAHRA, AMAFA, EC PHRA and HWC listed ASAPA accredited CRM archaeologist	
Tertiary Education		
2010	University of South Africa (UNISA), Pretoria (Project Management 501)	
2006 – 2007	Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU), Port Elizabeth (Undergraduate Certificate in	
	Geographical Information Systems – GIS)	
2001 – 2003	University of the Witwatersrand (WITS), Johannesburg (MSc Archaeology)	
1999 – 2000	<b>University of Pretoria (UP), Pretoria</b> (BA Hons. Archaeology)	
1991 – 1993	University of Pretoria (UP), Pretoria (BA Archaeology & History of Art)	
Courses		
2016/01	SPA (Safety Passport Alliance) – Petrol Retail [SA Safety Management Training Services – SMST]	
Employment – Professi	onal Archaeology	
2007/04 – Present	ArchaeoMaps [Self-employed] (Archaeologist – CRM)	
2006/06 – 2007/03	National Museum, Bloemfontein (Archaeologist – CRM, Dept. of Archaeology)	
2005/04 – 2006/05	McGregor Museum, Kimberley (Archaeologist – CRM / Research, Dept. of Archaeology)	
2004/04 – 2005/01	Amafa aKwaZulu-Natali (HoD: Archaeology, Palaeontology & Meteorites Unit – APM Unit)	
2002/09 – 2004/03	McGregor Museum, Kimberley (Archaeologist – CRM / Research, Dept. of Archaeology)	

#### **Employment – Freelance: Ground Penetrating Radar**

2015/10 – Present Terra Scan assistant (BCM area, EC) – GPR & underground utilities focussing on petrol retail (oil & gas) industry

#### Archaeology – Summary

Karen has been involved in CRM archaeology since 2003 and has been the author (including selected co-authored reports) of approximately 500 Phase 1 AIA studies. Phase 1 AIA work is centred in South Africa, focussing on the Northern and Eastern Cape provinces and the Free State. She has also conducted Phase 1 work in Botswana (2006 / 2007). In 2007 she started ArchaeoMaps, an independent archaeological and heritage consultancy. In 2010 she was awarded ASAPA CRM Principle Investigator (PI) status based on large scale Phase 2 Stone Age mitigation work (De Beers Consolidated Mines – Rooipoort, Northern Cape, 2008 / 2009) and has also been involved in a number of other Phase 2 projects including Stone Age, Shell Middens, Grave / Cemetery projects and Iron Age sites.

In addition to CRM archaeology she has been involved in research, including the international collaborations at Maloney's Kloof and Grootkloof, Ghaap Plateau, Northern Cape (2005 / 2006). Archaeological compliance experience includes her position as Head of the Archaeology, palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit at AMAFA aKwaZulu-Natali (2004).

#### **Company Profile**

Company Name	: ArchaeoMaps cc
Registration Number	: 2005/180719/23
VAT Number	: Not VAT Registered
Accountant	: AZIMA Financial Services
Members / Shareholders	: Karen van Ryneveld (100%)
BBBEE Status	: Exempted Micro Enterprise (EME)

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