PHASE 1 ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

EXTENSION TO AN EXISTING QUARRY FOR THE NYATHYORA INTERNAL ROADS PROJECT, KING WILLIAMS TOWN, EASTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA

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1) TERMS OF REFERENCE

Merryweather Environmental has been appointed as independent environmental consultant by the developer, Ingwenya Engineers (on behalf of the Ngqushwa Municipality), to prepare the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the proposed extension to an existing quarry as part of the Nyathyora Internal Roads rehabilitation and upgrade project in the King Williams Town area of the Eastern Cape, South Africa. ArchaeoMaps Archaeological Consultancy has been appointed by Merryweather Environmental to conduct the Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) as specialist sub-section to the EIA.

1.1) Development Location, Details & Impact

The proposed development will comprise of the rehabilitation and upgrade of approximately 5.3km of existing gravel tracks and roads for which gravel from an existing quarry / borrow pit will be used. It is estimated that a few thousand cubic meters of gravel will be extracted from the pit, not exceeding a surface impact area of 1ha. The developer has received exemption from an EIA from the Department of Environmental, Development and Economic Affairs (DEDEA) for the road upgrade component of the development. DEDEA has however indicated that an EIA would be necessary prior to extended utilization of the borrow pit.

The proposed Nyathyora Internal Roads development area is located approximately 35km south (S) of King Williams Town in a rural area surrounded by the villages of Kwadlova, Mtwaku, Engquthu, Nyathyora and Kwamadliki (1;50,000 map ref: 3327AB). The development will focus specifically on the 5.3km road portion from the bridge south (S) of Mtwaku Village to Nyathyora Village and including the main road through Nyathyora Village. The quarry is situated at S33°01′54.3″; E27°24′09.3″, approximately 0.7km (700m) north east (NE) of Nyathyora Village on the south eastern (SE) side of the access road.



Figure 1: Nyathyora Village, located approximately 35km south (S) of King Williams Town, Eastern Cape

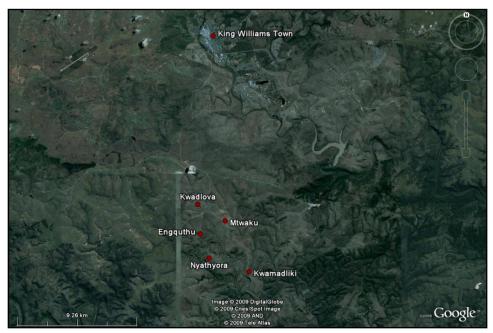


Figure 2: Close-up of the proposed Nyathyora internal roads upgrade study area (1)



Figure 3: Close-up of the proposed Nyathyora internal roads upgrade study area (2)

(Existing roads are in a poor to very poor condition and in some places impassable in wet weather. Alignment of the existing road network may be altered; alteration will be limited and based on necessity for safety and effective drainage. The proposed gravel road width is 5m. No excavation or fills are planned; rehabilitation and upgrade design will focus on lateral movement of soil from the proposed quarry / borrow pit.)

Development impact for the rehabilitation and upgrade of the Nyathyora Internal Roads project, including particularly the utilization of the existing quarry will be total; resulting in the complete loss of surface and sub-surface heritage sites / features present at the study site.

1.2) The Natural Environment

The study site is topographically characterized by rolling hills with several road sections at a 10° or steeper incline. Being situated on high ground between the Nyathyora River to the north (N) and the Tyolomnga River in the south (S) the village of Nyathyora remains rather isolated. Vegetation is typified by open woodland / schrubland with high quantities of *Acacia Karoo* (Pers comm.: F. Merryweather).

2) THE PHASE 1 ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

2.1) Archaeological Legislative Compliance

The developer has received exemption from an EIA from the Department of Environmental, Development and Economic Affairs (DEDEA) for the road upgrade component of the development. DEDEA has however indicated that an EIA would be necessary prior to extended utilization of the borrow pit.

The Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) was requested by the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) mandatory responsible for the National Heritage Resources Act, Act No 25 of 1999 (NHRA 1999).

The Phase 1 AIA was requested as specialist sub-section to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in compliance with requirements of the National Environmental Management Act, No 107 of 1998 (NEMA 1998) and associated regulations (2006), and the NHRA 1999 and associated regulations (2000).

The Phase 1 AIA aimed to locate, identify and assess the significance of cultural heritage resources, inclusive of archaeological deposits / sites, built structures older than 60 years, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict and cultural landscapes or viewscapes as defined and protected by the NHRA 1999, that may be affected by the proposed development. Palaeontological deposits / sites as defined and protected by the NHRA 1999 are not included as subject to this report.

2.2) Methodology

The Phase 1 AIA was conducted over a 1 day period (2009-05-10) by one archaeologist. The assessment was done by vehicle (LVD) and foot and limited to a Phase 1 surface survey; no excavation or sub-surface testing was done. GPS co-ordinates were taken with a Garmin GPSmap 60CSx GPS (Datum: WGS84). Photographic documentation was done with a Pentax K10D camera. A combination of Garmap and Google Earth software was used in the display of spatial information.

SAHRA AR	CHAEOLOGICAL AN	ND CULTURA	L HERITAGE SITE SIGNIFICANCE ASSESSMENT
SITE SIGNIFICANCE	FIELD RATING	GRADE	RECOMMENDED MITIGATION
High Significance	National Significance	Grade 1	Site conservation / Site development
High Significance	Provincial Significance	Grade 2	Site conservation / Site development
High Significance	Local Significance	Grade 3A / 3B	Site conservation or extensive mitigation prior to development / destruction
High / Medium Significance	Generally Protected A	-	Site conservation or mitigation prior to development / destruction
Medium Significance	Generally Protected B	-	Site conservation or mitigation / test excavation / systematic sampling / monitoring prior to or during development / destruction
Low Significance	Generally Protected C	-	On-site sampling, monitoring or no archaeological mitigation required prior to or during development / destruction

Table 1: SAHRA archaeological and cultural heritage site significance assessment and mitigation recommendations

Archaeological and cultural heritage site significance assessment and associated mitigation recommendations were done according to the system prescribed by SAHRA (2007).

2.3) Coverage and Gap Analysis

In accordance with the DEDEA prescribed EIA requirements the assessment focused on the existing quarry / borrow pit from where gravel for the Nyathyora Internal Roads rehabilitation and upgrade project will be sourced. It is estimated that a few thousand cubic meters of gravel will be extracted from the pit, not exceeding a surface impact area of 1ha. An approximate 3ha area was assessed to accommodate the estimated ≤ (smaller or equal to) 1ha impact area.

In addition to the quarry site the proposed 5.3km road proposed for rehabilitation was briefly assessed. Road rehabilitation was exempted from an EIA by DEDEA. Assessment thereof was done as a safety concern particularly relating to Section 38 1) a) of the NHRA 1999 [Subject 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]. The assessment was done across the total of the 5.3km line route and with an estimated 10-15m development corridor.

(Access to the study site is via the R346 from King Williams Town to East London. From Mount Coke Mission Station the site can be accessed by means of an existing gravel road system; or alternatively directly via the existing gravel road system from King Williams Town.)

2.4) Phase 1 AIA Assessment findings

No archaeological or cultural heritage resources, as defined and protected by the NHRA 1999, were identified during the Phase 1 AIA assessment for the proposed rehabilitation and upgrade of the Nyathyora Internal Roads project, inclusive of:

- 1. The 5.3km road line route; or
- 2. The approximate 3ha assessed area to accommodate the ≤ (smaller or equal to) 1ha extension to the existing quarry.

General observations include:

1. The 5.3km road line route

No archaeological or cultural heritage resources were identified on the surface of the line route allowing for an approximate 10-15m development corridor. Surface visibility across the development corridor ranged from good to fairly good. The existing road surface, more than often in a very poor condition yielded a number of shallow exposed sections. Sections on average did not exceed 20-25cm in depth. No anthropic member was identified at inspected section exposures. Based on sampled section inspection it can be inferred that surface anthropic sterility is echoed sub-surfacely at least to an average 20-25cm level. In addition road surface erosion may have exposed previously deposited artefacts, but none were found eroding from the road surface.

An old structure ruin is located adjacent to the road in Nyathyora Village at S33°01′51.3; E27°23′26.3. Despite relative age of the structure the origin thereof is estimated as post 60 years of age based on

corrugated iron wall remains and metal door frames. The site is thus not formally protected under the NHRA 1999; alteration / destruction thereof is not subject to SAHRA application or approval. Rehabilitation and upgrading of the road portion through the village will not impact on the site, being situated roughly 15m from the road.

[The 5.3km road line route starts at the Nyathyora River bridge south (S) of Mtwaku Village (S33°01'17.5"; E27°24'43.7") and runs in a south eastern (SE) direction to the 1st intersection (S33°01'22.9"; E27°24'54.1"). At the intersection a right turn allows for access to the village of Nyathyora in a south western (SW) direction. From the T-junction in the village (S33°02'05.9"; E27°23'44.8") the road will run in a north west (NW) to south east (SE) direction from S33°01'41.2; E27°23'07.7" to S33°02'16.1"; E27°23'53.9".]



Figure 4: The proposed Nyathyora internal roads project road line route

2. The 3ha quarry / borrow pit area

The existing borrow pit is located at S33°01′54.3″; E27°24′09.3″, immediately south east (SE) of the access road and approximately 0.7km (700m) north east (NE) of Nyathyora Village.

An approximate 3ha area, to accommodate the estimated ≤ (smaller or equal to) 1ha extension to the existing quarry, was subjected to Phase 1 surface survey. Surface visibility across the assessed area was fairly good with denser *Acacia Karoo* cover in the northern (N) part of the site. No archaeological or cultural heritage resources, as defined and protected under the NHRA 1999 were encountered during the assessment. The northern (N) part of the assessed area was more characteristically typified by shallow geological outcrops while the southern (S) portion is expected to yield greater quantities of overlying soil and gravel as evidenced by the approximate 1.5m in depth anthropic sterile sections at the existing quarry. The existing quarry, measuring no more than approximately 15-20m in diameter, displayed clearly stratified sections; no cultural member could be discern across the extend of the exposed section. It can reasonably be inferred that surface anthropic sterility in the assessed area is paralleled by sub-surface sterility to a minimum depth of 1.5m.

Due to the known overlying sand and gravel component in the southern (S) part of the assessed area it is likely that quarrying activities will be concentrated in this area and closely associated with the existing quarry.



Figure 5: The assessed quarry / borrow pit area

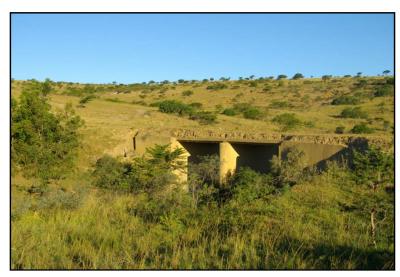


Figure 6: View of the bridge south of Mtwaku Village



Figure 7: General view of the Nyathyora internal roads study site-Mtwaku area



Figure 8: General view of the Nyathyora internal roads study site-Nyathyora area



 $\textbf{Figure 9: } \textit{View of the existing road portion through Nyathyora \textit{Village}}$



Figure 10: Structure ruins in Nyathyora village post dating 60 years of age



Figure 11: View of the existing borrow pit



Figure 12: Anthropic sterile sections at the borrow pit (1)



Figure 13: Anthropic sterile sections at the borrow pit (2)



Figure 14: Shallow geology characterizing the northern part of the borrow pit assessment area



Figure 15: View from the borrow pit assessment area towards the south east



Figure 16: View from the borrow pit towards Nyathyora Village

2.5) Conclusion and Recommendations

The Phase 1 AIA for the proposed Nyathyora internal roads project near King Williams Town, Eastern Cape comprised of:

- 1. The 5.3km road line route (the development portion exempted from an EIA by DEDEA); and
- 2. An approximate 3ha assessed area to accommodate the ≤ (smaller or equal to) 1ha extension to the existing quarry (the development portion for which an IA was requested by DEDEA).

No archaeological or cultural heritage resources as defined and protected by the NHRA 1999 were identified on the surface of the study site with surface anthropic sterility echoed to a depth of 20-25cm within the approximate 10-15m road line route development corridor and to a depth of 1.5m at the exposed sections of the existing borrow pit.



Recommendations:

It is recommended that, with reference to cultural heritage compliance as per the requirements of the NHRA 1999, the proposed Nyathyora internal roads project, with special reference to the extended use of the existing quarry / borrow pit, proceeds as applied for.

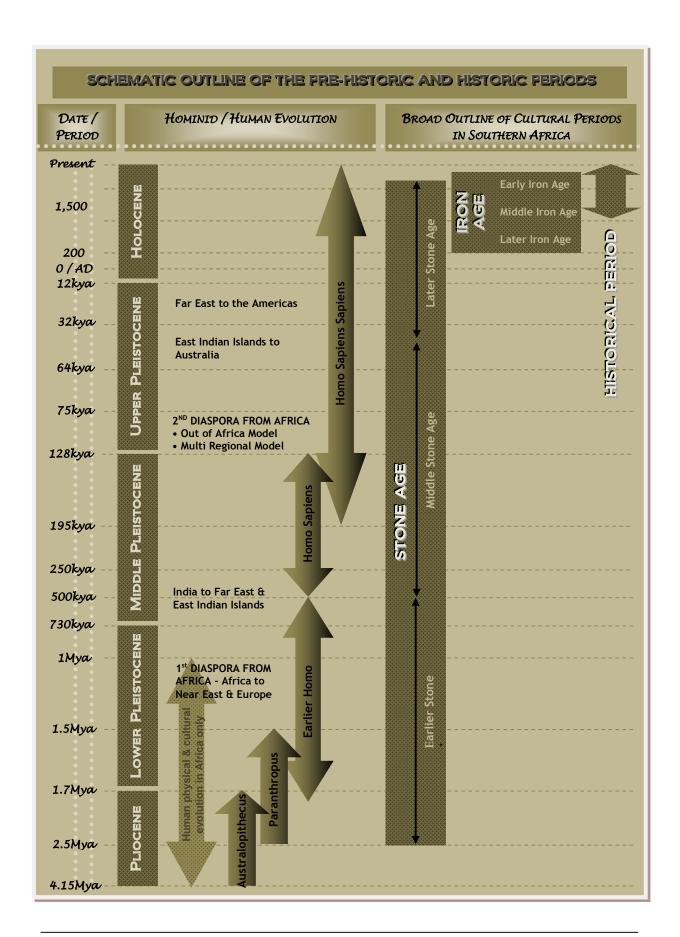
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KING WILLIAMS TOWN, EASTERN CAPE								
MAP CODE	SITE	Type / Period	DESCRIPTION	Co-ordinates	PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS			
DEVEL	OPMENT AREA							
BP	Borrow Pit	-	-	\$33°01'54.3"; E27°24'09.3"	N/A			
Α	-	-	-	S33°01′52.0"; E27°24′12.3"	N/A			
В	-	-	-	S33°01′55.1"; E27°24′16.7"	N/A			
С	-	-	-	S33°01′59.1"; E27°24′10.8"	N/A			
D	_	-	-	S33°01′55.3"; E27°24′06.5"	N/A			
D No arch	- naeological or cult	- tural heritage sites we	- ere identified withi		N/A			

Table 2: Phase 1 AIA assessment findings - co-ordinate details

NOTE: Should any archaeological or cultural heritage resources as defined and protected by the NHRA
1999 and not reported on in this report be identified during the course of development the developer
should immediately cease operation in the vicinity of the find and report the site to SAHRA.

3) REFERENCES CITED

- 1. South African Government. (No. 107) of 1998. *National Environmental Management Act*.
- 2. South African Government. (No. 25) of 1999. *National Heritage Resources Act*.
- 3. South African Heritage Resources Agency. 2007. *Minimum standards for the archaeological and heritage components of impact assessments*. Unpublished guidelines.



EXTRACTS FROM THE

NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (No 25 of 1999)

DEFINITIONS

Section 2

In this Act, unless the context requires otherwise:

- ii. "Archaeological" means
 - a) material remains resulting from human activity which are in a state of disuse and are in or on land and which are older than 100 years, including artefacts, human and hominid remains and artificial features and structures:
 - b) rock art, being any form of painting, engraving or other graphic representation on a fixed rock surface or loose rock or stone, which was executed by human agency and which is older than 100 years, including any area within 10 m of such representation:
 - c) weeks, being any vessel or aircraft, or any part thereof, which was wrecked in South Africa, whether on land, in the internal waters, the territorial waters or in the maritime culture zone of the Republic,... and any cargo, debris, or artefacts found or associated therewith, which is older than 60 years or which SAHRA considers to be worthy of conservation.
- viii. "Development" means any physical intervention, excavation or action, other than those caused by natural forces, which may in the opinion of a heritage authority in any way result in a change to the nature, appearance or physical nature of a place, or influence its stability and future well-being, including
 - a) construction, alteration, demolition, removal or change of use of a place or structure at a place;
 - b) carrying out any works on or over or under a place;
 - c) subdivision or consolidation of land comprising, a place, including the structures or airspace of a place;
 - d) constructing or putting up for display signs or hoardings;
 - any change to the natural or existing condition or topography of land; and
 - f) any removal or destruction of trees, or removal of vegetation or topsoil;
- xiii. "Grave" means a place of interment and includes the contents, headstone or other marker of such a place, and any other structure on or associated with such place;
- xxi. "Living heritage" means the intangible aspects of inherited culture, and may include
 - a) cultural tradition;
 - b) oral history;
 - c) performance:
 - d) ritual;
 - e) popular memory;
 - f) skills and techniques;
 -) indigenous knowledge systems; and
- h) the holistic approach to nature, society and social relationships.

 xxxi. "Palaeontological" means any fossilised remains or fossil trace of animals or plants which lived in the geological past, other than fossil fuels or fossiliferous rock intended for industrial use, and any site which contains such fossilised remains or trance;
- xli. "Site" means any area of land, including land covered by water, and including any structures or objects thereon;
- xliv. "Structure" means any building, works, device or other facility made by people and which is fixed to land, and includes any fixtures, fittings and equipment associated therewith:

NATIONAL ESTATE

Section 3

- For the purposes of this Act, those heritage resources of South Africa which are of cultural significance or other special value for the present community and for future generations must be considered part of the national estate and fall within the sphere of operations of heritage resources authorities.
- 2) Without limiting the generality of subsection 1), the national estate may include
 - a) places, buildings, structures and equipment of cultural significance;
 - b) places to which oral traditions are attached or which are associated with living heritage;
 - historical settlements and townscapes;
 - d) landscapes and natural features of cultural significance;
 - e) geological sites of scientific or cultural importance
 - archaeological and palaeontological sites;
 - g) graves and burial grounds, including
 - ancestral graves;
 - ii. royal graves and graves of traditional leaders;
 - iii. graves of victims of conflict
 - iv. graves of individuals designated by the Minister by notice in the Gazette;
 - v. historical graves and cemeteries; and
 - vi. other human remains which are not covered in terms of the Human Tissue Act, 1983 (Act No 65 of 1983)
 - h) sites of significance relating to the history of slavery in South Africa;
 - i) movable objects, including
 - objects recovered from the soil or waters of South Africa, including archaeological and palaeontological objects and material, meteorites and rare geological specimens;
 - objects to which oral traditions are attached or which are associated with living heritage;
 - iii. ethnographic art and objects;
 - iv. military objects;
 - v. objects of decorative or fine art;
 - vi. objects of scientific or technological interest; and
 - vii. books, records, documents, photographic positives and negatives, graphic, film or video material or sound recordings, excluding those that are public records as defined in section 1 xiv) of the National Archives of South Africa Act, 1996 (Act No 43 of 1996).

STRUCTURES

Section 34

1) No person may alter or demolish any structure or part of a structure which is older than 60 years without a permit issued by the relevant provincial heritage resources authority.

ARCHAEOLOGY, PALAEONTOLOGY AND METEORITES Section 35

- 3) Any person who discovers archaeological or palaeontological objects or material or a meteorite in the course of development or agricultural activity must immediately report the find to the responsible heritage resources authority, or to the nearest local authority offices or museum, which must immediately notify such heritage resources authority.
- 4) No person may, without a permit issued by the responsible heritage resources authority
 - a) destroy, damage, excavate, alter, deface or otherwise disturb any archaeological or palaeontological site or any meteorite;
 - destroy, damage, excavate, remove from its original position, collect or own any archaeological or palaeontological material or object or any meteorite;
 - c) 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; or
 - d) bring onto or use at an archaeological or palaeontological site any excavation equipment or any equipment which assists in the detection or recovery of metals or archaeological and palaeontological material or objects, or use such equipment for the recovery of meteorites.
- 5) When the responsible heritage resources authority has reasonable cause to believe that any activity or development which will destroy, damage or alter any archaeological or palaeontological site is under way, and where no application for a permit has been submitted and no heritage resources management procedure in terms of section 38 has been followed, it may
 - a) serve on the owner or occupier of the site or on the person undertaking such development an order for the development to cease immediately for such period as is specified in the order;
 - carry out an investigation for the purpose of obtaining information on whether or not an archaeological or palaeontological site exists and whether mitigation is necessary;
 - c) if mitigation is deemed by the heritage resources authority to be necessary, assist the person on whom the order has been served under paragraph a) to apply for a permit as required in subsection 4); and
 - d) recover the costs of such investigation from the owner or occupier of the land on which it is believed an archaeological or palaeontological site is located or from the person proposing to undertake the development if no application for a permit is received within two weeks of the order being served.
- The responsible heritage resources authority may, after consultation with the owner of the land on which an archaeological or palaeontological site or meteorite is situated, serve a notice on the owner or any other controlling authority, to prevent activities within a specified distance from such site or meteorite.

BURIAL GROUNDS AND GRAVES

Section 36

- 3) No person may, without a permit issued by SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority
 - a) destroy, damage, alter, exhume or remove from its original position or otherwise disturb the grave of a victim of conflict, or any burial ground or part thereof which contains such graves;
 - b) destroy, damage, alter, exhume, remove from its original position or otherwise disturb any grave or burial ground older than 60 years which is situated outside a formal cemetery administered by a local authority; or
 - c) bring onto or use at a burial ground or grave referred to in paragraph a) or b) any excavation equipment, or any equipment which assists in the detection or recovery of metals.
- 4) SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority may not issue a permit for the destruction of any burial ground or grave referred to in subsection 3a) unless it is satisfied that the applicant has made satisfactory arrangements for the exhumation and re-interment of the contents of such graves, at the cost of the applicant and in accordance with any regulations made by the responsible heritage resources authority.
- 5) SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority may not issue a permit for any activity under subsection 3b) unless it is satisfied that the applicant has, in accordance with regulations made by the responsible heritage resources authority
 - made a concerted effort to contact and consult communities and individuals who by tradition have an interest in such grave or burial ground; and
 - b) reached agreements with such communities and individuals regarding the future of such grave or burial ground.
- 6) Subject to the provision of any other law, any person who in the course of development or any other activity discovers the location of a grave, the existence of which was previously unknown, must immediately cease such activity and report the discovery to the responsible heritage resources authority which must, in co-operation with the South African Police Service and in accordance with regulations of the responsible heritage resources authority
 - a) carry out an investigation for the purpose of obtaining information on whether or not such grave is protected in terms of this Act or is of significance to any community; and
 - b) if such grave is protected or is of significance, assist any person who or community which is a direct descendant to make arrangements for the exhumation and re-internment of the contents of such grave or, in the absence of such person or community, make any such arrangements as it deems fit.

HERITAGE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Section 38

- 1) Subject to the provisions of subsections 7), 8) and 9), any person who intends to undertake a development categorised as
 - a) the construction of a road, wall, powerline, pipeline, canal or other similar form of linear development or barrier exceeding 300 m in length:
 - the construction of a bridge or similar structure exceeding 50 m in length;
 - c) any development or other activity which will change the character of a site
 - i. exceeding 5 000 m² 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
 - iv. the costs which will exceed a sum set in terms of regulations by SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority;
 - d) the rezoning of a site exceeding 10 000 m² in extent; or
 - e) any other category of development provided for in regulations by SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority,

must at the very earliest stages of initiating such a development, notify the responsible heritage resources authority and furnish it with details regarding the location, nature and extent of the proposed development.

- 2) The responsible heritage resources authority must, within 14 days of receipt of a notification in terms of subsection 1)
 - if there is reason to believe that heritage resources will be affected by such development, notify the person who intends to undertake the development to submit an impact assessment report. Such report must be compiled at the cost of the person proposing the development, by a person or persons approved by the responsible heritage resources authority with relevant qualifications and experience and professional standing in heritage resources management; or
 - b) notify the person concerned that this section does not apply.
- 3) The responsible heritage resources authority must specify the information to be provided in a report required in terms of subsection 2a) ...
- 4) The report must be considered timeously by the responsible heritage resources authority which must, after consultation with the person proposing the development decide
 - a) whether or not the development may proceed;
 - b) any limitations or conditions to be applied to the development;
 - c) what general protections in terms of this Act apply, and what formal protections may be applied, to such heritage resources;
 - d) whether compensatory action is required in respect of any heritage resources damaged or destroyed as a result of the development; and
 - e) whether the appointment of specialists is required as a condition of approval of the proposal.

APPOINTMENT AND POWERS OF HERITAGE INSPECTORS Section 50

- 7) Subject to the provision of any other law, a heritage inspector or any other person authorised by a heritage resources authority in writing, may at all reasonable times enter upon any land or premises for the purpose of inspecting any heritage resource protected in terms of the provisions of this Act, or any other property in respect of which the heritage resources authority is exercising its functions and powers in terms of this Act, and may take photographs, make measurements and sketches and use any other means of recording information necessary for the purposes of this Act.
- 8) A heritage inspector may at any time inspect work being done under a permit issued in terms of this Act and may for that purpose at all reasonable times enter any place protected in terms of this Act.
- Where a heritage inspector has reasonable grounds to suspect that an offence in terms of this Act has been, is being, or is about to be committed, the heritage inspector may with such assistance as he or she thinks necessary
 - a) enter and search any place, premises, vehicle, vessel or craft, and for that purpose stop and detain any vehicle, vessel or craft, in or on which the heritage inspector believes, on reasonable grounds, there is evidence related to that offence;
 - b) confiscate and detain any heritage resource or evidence concerned with the commission of the offence pending any further order from the responsible heritage resources authority; and
 - take such action as is reasonably necessary to prevent the commission of an offence in terms of this Act.
- 10) A heritage inspector may, if there is reason to believe that any work is being done or any action is being taken in contravention of this Act or the conditions of a permit issued in terms of this Act, order the immediate cessation of such work or action pending any further order from the responsible heritage resources authority.