

Phase 2b Archaeological Monitoring –
**Samy's Wholesalers Extension Development, Erf 44500, c/o Quinn & Lawrence Streets,
Kimberley, Sol Plaatjie Municipality, Northern Cape, South Africa**
[SAHRIS Case ID #6899; SAHRA BGG Unit Permit ID #2016]



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RE: Phase 2b Archaeological Monitoring – Samy's Wholesalers Extension Development, Erf 44500, c/o Quinn & Lawrence Streets, Kimberley, Sol Plaatjie Municipality, Northern Cape, South Africa [SAHRIS Case ID #6899; SAHRA BGG Unit Permit ID #2016]

Below listed archaeological Cultural Resources Management (CRM) reports refer to the heritage compliance process pertaining to SAHRIS Case ID #6899, the case of the Samy's Wholesalers Extension development, situated at general development co-ordinate S28°43'53.0"; E24°45'57.8", Erf 44500, c/o Quinn & Lawrence Streets, Sol Plaatjie Municipality, Northern Cape, with specific reference to the final Phase 2 mitigation report (Pelser & Van Ryneveld 2015):

- Barnardt, B. (Terra Scan). 2015b. *Ground Penetrating Radar Survey of Erf 44500, Corner of Quinn and Lawrence Streets Kimberley, Undertaken on behalf of P&V Pillay Family Trust, 23-24 January 2015.*
- Gaigher, S. (G&A Heritage). 2014. *Heritage Impact Assessment Report for the Proposed Expansion of the Samy's Wholesalers Warehouse, Kimberley – Northern Cape Province.*
- Pelser, A.J. (APAC). 2015. *Interim Report – Samy's Wholesalers Extension (Samy's Wholesalers Extension Test Excavation). Test Excavation within the Western Portion of Erf 44500 (SAHRA BGG Unit Permit ID#2016 Case ID#6899).*
- **Pelser, A.J. & Van Ryneveld, K. (APAC). 2015. *Final Report on the Samy's Wholesalers Extension Test Excavations within the Western Portion of Erf 44500.***
- Van Ryneveld, K. (ArchaeoMaps). 2015. *Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment – Samy's Wholesalers Extension, Erf 44500, Kimberley, Sol Plaatjie Municipality, Northern Cape.*

In accordance with recommendations of the Pelser (2015) and Pelser & Van Ryneveld (2015) reports the SAHRA BGG Unit Final Comment, issued 3 June 2015 stated, amongst others, that it can reasonably be concluded that development will not impact on the inferred 1870's 'Black' migrant worker cemetery and that development may proceed without further delay. The SAHRA BGG Unit Final Comment reiterates conditions of the SAHRA BGG Unit Interim Comment (12 May 2015), issued on the Pelser (2015) report stating that: 'According (to) point 4 of the Final Decision it is recommended that monitoring of the area should be upheld in case human remains are uncovered during development. If such a discovery is made, the Burial Grounds and Graves Unit should be notified...'

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CaseDecisions

CaseReference: **Samy's Wholesalers Extension**
 HeritageAuthority: SAHRA

Committee: **By Delegation of Authority** DecisionStatus: **Final Comment**

DecisionDate: Wednesday, June 3, 2015 - 13:00
 NHRA: 36(3)

CaseDiscussion:
 The Samy's Wholesalers Extension development comprises the construction of a warehouse facility on Erf 44500, Kimberley North, Sol Plaatje Municipality, Northern Cape. The development is situated at general development co-ordinate S28°43'53.0"; E24°45'57.8" with the study site measuring 0.164ha in extent. As suggested by the Final Decision on this case test excavations were conducted on an area suspected to have graves. A permit for this purpose was issued by SAHRA's BGG Unit. Hence a Final Permit Report (Permit ID: 2016) was lodged on SAHRIS by APelser Archaeological Consulting on the 25th of May 2015.

According to the results of the Test Pit Excavations it can be concluded that the proposed development of the Samy's Wholesalers Warehouse Expansion will not impact on any heritage resource, including the inferred cemetery site. It is recommended that development can proceed without any delays. SAHRA'S Burial Grounds and Grave Unit is satisfied and accepts the findings of the Final Permit Report submitted. According point 4 of the Final Decision it is recommended that monitoring of the area should be upheld in case human remains are uncovered during development. If such a discovery is made the Burial Grounds and Graves Unit should be notified by contacting I. Masiteng at our Pretoria office.

Figure 1: SAHRIS Case ID #6899, BGG Unit Final Comment, 3 June 2015

This report is submitted in accordance with the referenced SAHRA BGG Unit Final Comment stipulation. The report serves to verify that no human remains were encountered during the course of foundation excavations for purposes of development.

- Phase 2b Archaeological Monitoring was done over a 2 day period (27 & 28 August 2015). Archaeological monitoring focused on mechanical excavation monitoring for purposes of foundation excavation trenching. Mechanical trenching was complimented by manual cleaning of excavations. Foundation excavation delineation followed alignments photographically reported on by Pelser (2015) and Pelser & Van Ryneveld (2015). Post-submission of the Pelser & Van Ryneveld (2015) report the study site was levelled, on average raised between 20-90cm to reach varying necessary levels for construction purposes. Foundation delineation was re-marked on development outlines originally monitored during the Phase 2 test excavations and mechanically excavated to depths as originally reported on (Pelser 2015), reaching levels of between 20-50cm below the original surface and between ~50cm-1m below the altered surface. No human remains were encountered during the course of final foundation trenching, including mechanical and manual excavation.

This report closes archaeological compliance reporting on behalf of the developer for purposes of the Samy's Wholesalers Extension development, Erf 44500, Kimberley, Sol Plaatje Municipality, Northern Cape.

Yours sincerely,

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[Submitted on behalf of Tom Pillay, P&V Pillay Family Trust.]



Plate 1: Final site measurements prior to mechanical trench foundation excavations



Plate 3: Mechanical trenching – northern structure foundations [2]



Plate 2: Mechanical trenching – northern structure foundations [1]



Plate 4: Mechanical trenching – western structure foundations



Plate 5: Mechanical trenching – southern structure foundations [1]



Plate 7: Foundation demarcation and trench excavation, southern structure foundations



Plate 6: Mechanical trenching – southern structure foundations [2]



Plate 8: Trench excavations along the south-eastern boundary of the site



Plate 9: Manual cleaning of mechanically excavated foundation trenches



Plate 11: Excavation trenching, south-eastern corner of structure foundations, with developer Tom Pillay, P&V Pillay Family Trust



Plate 10: Mechanical trenching – eastern structure foundations



Plate 12: General site view after foundation trenching, with the Samy's wholesalers depot in the background

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Specialist Declaration of Interest

I, Karen van Ryneveld (Company – ArchaeoMaps; Qualification – MSc Archaeology), declare that:

- I am suitably qualified and accredited to act as independent specialist in this application;
- I do not have any financial or personal interest in the application, its' proponent or any subsidiaries, aside from fair remuneration for specialist services rendered; and
- That work conducted has been done in an objective manner – and that any circumstances that may have compromised objectivity have been reported on transparently.



Signature –

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