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INTERIM COMMENT

In terms of section 27(18) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) and the Western Cape Provincial Gazette 6061, Notice 298 of 2003

Attention: Ms Melanie Attwell

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CASE NUMBER: 120502JL01

BASELINE STUDY FOR SECTION 27 APPLICATION: PROPOSED PRECINCT 1 DEVELOPMENT ON LANGEBAANWEG FARM 1223 ALSO KNOWN AS THE WEST COAST FOSSIL PARK PHS, SALDANHA BAY

The matter above has reference.

Heritage Western Cape is in receipt of your correspondence on the above matter, dated 22 October 2012..

1. The application is for a Site Upgrade for the West Coast Fossil Park.
2. The Park is situated on a rehabilitated phosphate mining area covering 830ha
3. The land is zoned agricultural and as such, a consent use application has been made to construct an institutional building
4. A developable area has been identified for the visitors centre where known heritage resources will not be affected
5. The intention is to create a landmark building along sustainability principles, on a visible site in an area generally devoid of landmarks, facing west towards the fossil exposure
6. The proposed site is 270m away from the fossil exposures. Parking will be in an area already screened by slopes and trees and the approach to the exposures will be on foot
7. The site is located on overburden and so the risk to impacting on fossil material is minimised
8. A number of heritage-related design indicators were identified in the Baseline Study.
9. A report on the archaeological, geological and palaeontological significance of the entire site was included in the Baseline Study
10. The APM Committee would like to know whether the course of the palaeo-Berg River can be mapped and, if so, it should be included with the palaeontological deposit as a Grade 1 palaeolandscape.
11. The APM Committee would like to see an indication of the extent to which mining has already occurred beneath the overburden.

Decision

1. HWC endorses the statement of significance and heritage-related design indicators.
2. HWC endorses the choice of the site for the proposed visitors centre in Precinct 1.
3. HWC supports the adaptive re-use of the industrial infrastructure where possible.
4. HWC endorses the recommendations included in the report in Annexure 3 prepared by Ms P. Haarhof.

Our Ref: HMIWEST COAST\SALDANHA BAYWEST COAST FOSSIL PARK\PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT



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Heritage Western Cape reserves the right to request additional information as required.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the official above and quote the case number above.

Yours faithfully

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Heritage Western Cape