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**RE: HIA REVIEW COMMENT OF 2 QUARRIES AND 6 BORROW
PITS BETWEEN WILLOWVALE – DWESA**

Control Civil Services appointed two heritage practitioners; an archaeologist and a palaeontologist to survey an area between Willowvale and Dwesa. Their tasks in other words involved identification of possible archaeological and paleontological sites or occurrences in the proposed zone, an assessment of their significance, related impact by the proposed development and recommendations for mitigation where relevant.

An archaeologist surveyed the area and the survey yielded “no archaeological or cultural heritage resources during the field assessment of the *Willowvale-Dwesa Borrow Pits Project*, including study sites WD-Q1, WD-BP1, WD-BP2, WD-BP3, WD-BP4, WD-BP5 and WD-BP6 (van Ryneveld 2013). Similarly, the palaeontologist walked the area especially the surroundings along each pit margin, and the exposures inside each pit. According to Rossouw (2013) all the borrow pits except for the two quarry sites (Q1 and Q2), are located within Karoo Supergroup rocks and or areas where Karoo Dolerite intrusions occur. Quarry 1 and 2 are exclusively doleritic and therefore not palaeontologically significant. Nonetheless, No fossils or trace fossils were located near or in the vicinity of the borrow pits during the baseline survey.

In the light of the findings above, ECPHRA has no objection the development may proceed as planned. However, should there be uncovering

of any types of heritage resources during the construction work, the development must halt and findings reported to ECPHRA, heritage practioners involved and the local Police Station.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read 'S. Mokhanya'.

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