

MOTIVATION FOR NOT CONDUCTING HERRITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To inform and request approval from the Department not to conduct the Heritage impact assessment

DISCUSSION.

Mukwevho Holding appointed TM environmental consultant to conduct environmental Impact assessment process in 2020. The request was for the application for the construction of filling station with associated infrastructures. The site is situated in already developed area and is surrounded by residential area and the main Vuwani road.

After the Appointment of TM environmental consultant, a screening report was downloaded on the 21 July 2020 in compliance with the EIA regulations as published by the Department of Forestry, fishery and Environment. The screening report outlined all specialist studies that were needed to be conducted and the Heritage impact assessment was not outlined on it. Please refer to the Screening Report attached as **Annexure A**.

After the screening report a basic assessment with associated specialist studies were conducted and submitted to Limpopo Economic Development, Environmental and Tourism Department, See attached **Annexure B**. the department was pleased with the studies conducted and issued the applicant with the Environmental Authorization and approval for the construction of the proposed filling station with associated infrastructures. See attached **Annexure C**.

Since the area to be developed is already, disturbed and no vegetation or evidence of historical or archaeological creature the applicant and the department saw no reason for the heritage impact assessment to be conducted. The applicant has stated in the EIA report and Environmental Management Plan report that should any evidence of the heritage creature or artefacts be evident during construction the construction will be halt and the department agency will be notified in order to advice of make

RECOMMENDATION

1. Cognizance be taken of:
 - 1.1. The content of the report.
 - 1.2. That the department approve none conducting of the study.
 - 1.3. That the study will be conducted if the contractor suspect any historic evidence during the construction.
 - 1.4. That the area to be developed is already disturbed.
 - 1.5. That the inspection and enforcement be done weekly during the construction phase.

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