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Letter

In terms of Section 35(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mr Jonathan Kaplan
Agency for Cultural Resources Management
5 Stuart Road
Rondebosch
7700

The applicant proposes to establish an abalone holding and processing facility on Stateland, near Kleinzee in the Northern Cape Province 5 test pits, up to 1m deep, will be excavated/shovel tested across Site 8221. Test excavations will determine the presence/absence, and significance of sub-surface archaeological deposits. Archaeological observations recorded on Site 8221 comprised dispersed fragments of shellfish (mostly limpets (*S. argenvillei* and some *C. granatina*) on a level piece of relatively undisturbed land in the north eastern portion of site (proposed divers quarters). Two pieces of quartz was noted, but no pottery or ostrich eggshell was found. The estimated age of the site is not older than 2000BP. Density of surface remains suggests low significance, but will be confirmed by shovel testing. The action is to determine the depth, significance and extent of sub-surface archaeological deposits, to inform whether full mitigation in advance of development is required. Deposits will be sieved using a 3mm mesh sieve to check for shellfish densities and cultural remains. Shellfish will be used to determine site significance. We will use a method to determine significance designed by Smith and Mutti (2009). All sorting will be done on site and no subsistence or cultural remains will be removed from the property. The positions of all the test holes will be recorded using a hand-held GPS device set on the WGS 84 datum. The stratigraphy of each test pit will be measured and described. Photographs of all the test holes will be taken A report will be submitted to SAHRA for approval Reference Smith, A.B. & Mutti, B.J. 2009. A simple measure of intensity of human occupation from shell density as seen on the Vredenburg Peninsula coast. South African Archaeological Bulletin 64 (190): 172-175.

Dear Jonathan,

RE: Proposed test excavations at Rooikliple near Kleinze: Case ID 12651

Thank you for your test excavation permit application to investigate the significance of shell middens at Rooikliple near Kleinze, Northern Cape. SAHRA has received your application and decided to approve it.

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Best wishes,

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

Elijah Dumisani Katsetse
Heritage Officer
South African Heritage Resources Agency

Phillip Hine
Manager: Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit
South African Heritage Resources Agency

ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/556422>
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Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.

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2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.