

Proposed upgrading of the existing St. George low-water bridge on Portion 1 of the farm St. George 2-JT at Gamawela Village in the Steelpoort area, Limpopo Province

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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Gamawela Communal Property Association

It is proposed that the two existing, damaged low-water bridges on Portion 1 of the farm St. George 2-JT near Gamawela Village be upgraded. Parts of the existing crossings were destroyed by floods in 2010, and during times of heavy flow in the Klein Dwars River and its tributaries, the crossings become impassable to local community members.

Under sections 34, 35 and 36 of the National Heritage Resources Act (25 of 1999), heritage resources are protected. These resources are for instance burial grounds, unmarked and marked graves that are older than 60 years, built structures that are older than 60 years old, archaeology (stone tools, stone walled sites, prehistoric and historic pottery sherds, ash grounds etc.) and palaeontology (fossils of plant and animal material).

SHASA Heritage Consultants cc was appointed by Polygon Environmental Planning to conduct a Heritage Impact Assessment for the proposed upgrading of an existing low-level bridge. The bridge is located in Ga-Mawela Village on the farm George 2 JT near the town of Steelpoort Limpopo Province.

Stegmann, L. And Roodt, F. September 2012. Phase 1 Heritage Resources Impact Assessment (Scoping and Evaluation) Proposed Upgrading of Existing Low-Level Bridge Ga-Mawela Village, Steelpoort, Limpopo Statement with Regard to Heritage Resources Management.

The authors conducted a field assessment for the proposed development and found no heritage resources that may be affected by the proposed development.

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot make a comment on the Upgrading of the bridge because a detailed project description was not included in the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA). The HIA does not follow the minimum standards set for a Heritage Impact Assessment. The following information should be included, in all Heritage Studies:

Project Description: Detailed construction information, what type of bridge will be constructed, including plans

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for the bridge. Who will be carrying out the development?

Local Cultural History, a provincial heritage site is located near the proposed development, how will the development affect the cultural landscape.

If it is a field assessment being conducted for an HIA, track paths must be included as evidence.

SAHRA will comment further on the case once the additional information is submitted to the case.

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

Yours faithfully

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