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## Interim Comment

### **In terms of Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)/In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

Nkululeko Bhila  
Thembisile Hani Local Municipality  
156 Ruimte Road, Wierda Park  
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Math Engineering cc was appointed by the Thembisile Hani Local Municipality to undertake an Environmental Authorisation (EA) application for the proposed Electrification of Kwamhlanga B within the Thembisile Hani Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province.

A Preliminary Design Report was submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 as amended. The proposed development is the electrification of over 100 stands, both occupied and not occupied yet.

Prof. Marion Bamford and Apelser Archaeological consulting were appointed to undertake specialist Palaeontological and Heritage Impact Assessments for input in the EIA process. Prof. Bamford submitted a Letter of Exemption from Palaeontological Impact Assessment studies with the following substantiation:

The entire proposed development footprint is underlain by non-fossiliferous grey to pink coarse-grained granite of the Nebo Granite dispositioned by the Igneous intrusion about 2055 mya. There is, therefore, no chance of finding fossils in the proposed development footprint.

*Pelser, A, J., 2025. A Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment & Report for the Proposed KwaMhlanga B electrification Project, Thembisile Hani Local Municipality, Mpumalanga.*

The field-assessment did not identify any potential heritage resources that could potentially be negatively impacted by the proposed electrification project.

Recommendations made by specialists:



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- Chance finds Protocols must be implemented for the potential subsurface finds.

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**The SAHRA Development Applications Unit (DAU) is making the following comments in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act as contemplated by the EIA process in terms of section 24(4)b(ii) of NEMA:**

- Thank you for submitting the HIA and PIA inputs to the case file.
- The SAHRA DAU is requesting the EIA/BAR report with appendices.
- Further comments will be issued upon submission of the EIA/BAR report.

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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Natasha Higgitt

# Application for the Electrification of new 141 stands in KwaMhlanga B



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