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Case ID: 25225

Date: Wednesday, 9 July, 2025

Final 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)

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Enviromax Consulting (Pty) Ltd was appointed by Muthathe Building & Construction (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorization for the proposed Mining Permit Application on Portion 0 of Farm Greater Giyani 891 LT, Greater Giyani Local Municipality, Limpopo Province.

A Basic Assessment report (BAR) was submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 as amended (EIA) for activities that trigger the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, Act 28 of 2002 (MPRDA). The applicant proposes to mine for building sand. The proposed mining of such minerals will be conducted through excavation. The mined minerals will be transported to an external site for storage and pilling. The project will involve excavation, which will be done using a TLB and an excavator.

Ruins Archaeo Heritage Consulting (Pty) Ltd and Heidie Fourie were appointed to undertake Heritage and Palaeontological Impact Assessment specialist input in the EIA process in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act No. 25 of 1999. Dr. Fourie submitted a letter of request for exemption for PIA studies citing that the proposed development site is mostly underlain by the rocks of the Giyani Group with a Low Palaeontological Sensitivity

Nhundu, A., 2025. Phase 1 Archaeological and Cultura Heritage Impact Assessment Specialist Report for the Proposed Sand Mining Application on Portion 0 of Farm Greater Giyani 891 LT Situated within the Greater Giyani Local Municipality of Mopani District, Limpopo Province: Revision 2.

The study did not identify any heritage resources in the proposed development footprint.



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Recommendations made by specialists:

Chance Finds Protocols must be implemented for both archaeological and palaeontological heritage resources.

Final Comment:

The following comments are made as requirement in terms of section 3(4) of the NEMA Regulations and section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be included in the final EIA and EMP.

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Development Applications Unit (DAU) has no objections to the proposed development;
- 38(4)b – The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. No further additional specific conditions;
- 38(4)c(i) – If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA DAU (John Pakwe 0638941979 / jpakwe@sahra.org.za) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with this section of the NHRA is an offence in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)d – See section 51 of the NHRA regarding offences;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists: If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA;
- The decision regarding the EA Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application.

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

Yours faithfully

**MINING PERMIT APPLICATION FOR BUILDING SAND ON FARM GREATER
GIYANI 891 LT**



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