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Case ID: 20937

Interim Comment

Date: Friday, 4 July, 2025

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)

Attention: Jacobus Wouter van Zyl

Nicolaas Jacobus van Zyl has been appointed by Jacobus Wouter van Zyl to undertake an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for proposed mining activities on 5Ha of farm Jannelsepan No. 39 in the Dawid Kruiper Local Municipality, Northern Cape Province.

A Final Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) and Environmental Management Programme Report (EMPR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 and the National Environmental Management Waste Act, 2008 in respect of listed activities that have been triggered by applications in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA) (as amended). The proposed activities will consist of sand mining, removal and stockpiling of topsoil, refuse collection containers, mobile ablution facilities. Access to the mining area will be via existing farm tracks.

Ubique Heritage Specialists (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Nicolaas Jacobus van Zyl to provide heritage specialist input into the EA process in terms of section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Engelbrecht, J., Fairhurst-Booyse, S., Fivaz, H. Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment for the Proposed Sand Mining Within The Donkerhoek Spruit On The Farm Jannelsepan No 39, Near Louisvale, In The Dawid Kruiper Local Municipality, Zf Mgcawu District Municipality, Northern Cape Province.

The site was subjected to a survey during May 2025. It is noted by the author that seasonality had no bearing on the study.

The HIA identified the following Heritage Resources:

- An MSA core, JSP/390/011, of field rating IVC with no recommended mitigation.
- An MSA chunk and flake, JSP/390/014, of field rating IVC with no recommended mitigation.
- A previous assessment by Morris conducted in 2017 documented several isolated occurrences and



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surface scatters of MSA and LSA flakes and cores within the proposed sand mining development. These resources were predominantly of low significance, with one LSA surface scatter of Medium Significance outside the proposed footprint.

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The HIA recommends as follows:

- The Middle Stone Age Period surface scatters/occurrences (JSP/390/011 and JSP/390/014) exhibit varying degrees of weathering and lack substantial archaeological context or matrix. The impact is negligible. Therefore, no further mitigation is recommended.
- If during construction, 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 must be alerted.

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The SAHRA DAU notes the submitted Heritage Report. However, the 2018 Interim comment regarding the Palaeontological Impact Assessment is upheld. The SAHRA requests that an application specific Palaeontological assessment be uploaded to the submission. Further comments will be issued upon receipt.

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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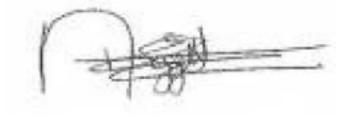
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