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Case ID: 25371

Date: Friday, 18 July, 2025

Final Comment

In terms of Section 38(4) 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 PRO Give Enterprises (Pty) Ltd to undertake a Basic Assessment (BA) Process in support of the Environment Authorisation (EA) Application for a mining permit application on portion of the farm Ontevreden 838 KS, Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality, Limpopo Province.

A Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) and Environmental Management Programme Report (EMPR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the EIA Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended). 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. The application for a mining permit will involve a pits and trenches which will be anticipated on site.

Ruins Archaeo- Heritage Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed to provide heritage specialist input as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Nhundu, A. 2025. Phase I Archaeological and Heritage Impact Assessment for the proposed Sand Mining Permit Application on a portion of the farm Ontevreden 838 KS, situated within the Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality, Magisterial District of Sekhukhune, Limpopo Province.

The author conducted the field survey on the 27th of June 2025. The Phase I Cultural-Heritage Impact Assessment study for the proposed mining permit application did not reveal any significant archaeological material within the footprint of the proposed development.



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Mitigation measures

- Use existing tracks and roads within the development area
- Induct construction/mine workers on heritage resources and chance finds
- Use chance find procedure to manage accidental finds

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The following comments are made as a 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 BAR and EMP:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Development Application Unit (DAU) has no objections to the proposed development.
- 38(4)b – The recommendations provided by the heritage specialists are supported and must be adhered to.
- 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 (Nokusho Ngobeni/Natasha Higgitt 021 202 8660) 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)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA DAU (Nokusho Ngobeni/Natasha Higgitt 021 202 8660), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) 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(1) of the NHRA;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:
 - i) 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;
- As the Draft BAR has been finalised without the inclusion of SAHRA comments, this comment must be forwarded directly to the competent authority for their review as part of the decision making process in

**MINING PERMIT APPLICATION FOR BUILDING SAND IN RESPECT OF FARM
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terms of section 38(8) of the NHRA. Proof of the delivery and receipt thereof must be provided to SAHRA;

- The decision regarding the EA Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the case file.
- The Final BAR and EMPr must be submitted to SAHRA for record purposes;

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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South African Heritage Resources Agency

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Terms & Conditions:

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

ADMIN:

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