

Our Ref: HM/ CETRAL KAROO / OUDTSHOORN / TR75/1 (TRUNK ROAD 75 / N12 HIGHWAY)
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RESPONSE TO HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: FINAL COMMENT
In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) and the Western Cape
Provincial Gazette 6061, Notice 298 of 2003

HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: PROPOSED PAVEMENT STABILISATION OF THE ROAD TR75/1 (TRUNK ROAD 75 / N12 HIGHWAY) NEAR OUDTSHOORN, SUBMITTED IN TERMS OF SECTION 38(1) OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (ACT 25 OF 1999)

The matter above has reference.

This matter was discussed at the Heritage Officer Meeting (HOMs) Committee held on 21 August 2023.

FINAL COMMENT:

The committee resolved to endorse the HIA prepared by ASHA Consulting, date 3 August 2023, with the following recommendations:

1. A palaeontologist must be appointed to rescue fossils in the existing road cuttings prior to the commencement of construction. The work must be carried out under a Workplan approved by HWC;
2. Palaeontological monitoring must also take place during expansion of the road cuttings. A suitable schedule for inspections must be agreed upon between the palaeontologist and contractor;
3. A palaeontological chance finds procedure must be in place and should be implemented if fossils are found in the absence of the palaeontologist;
4. The total area disturbed must be minimised as far as possible and all areas not required during operation of the road must be rehabilitated; and
5. If any archaeological material, fossils or human burials are uncovered during the course of development then work in the immediate area should be halted. The find would need to be reported to the heritage authorities and may require inspection by an archaeologist or palaeontologist. Such heritage is the property of the state and may require excavation and curation in an approved institution.

HWC reserves the right to request additional information as required.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the official above and quote the case number.

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