



**Decisions and Resolutions of the meeting of Heritage Western Cape (HWC) Archaeology,  
Palaeontology and Meteorites Committee (APM)  
Held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022, Monday on Microsoft Teams at 09:00 am**

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**Matters Discussed**

**19. SECTION 35 PERMIT REPORT**

- 19.1 Permit report: Stabilisation and Protection of The Yzeffontein 1 MSA Archaeological Site.MA  
**HM/WEST COAST/ SWARTLAND/ YSTERFONTEIN/ PTN 9 OF FARM 560**  
**Case No:** 21042606SB0426E

**COMMENT**

The committee resolved to approve the permit report by ACO associates dated September 2022.

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**20. SECTION 38 WORKPLAN REPORT**

- 20.1 None

**21. SECTION 38 (4) HIA**

- 21.1 None

**22. Section 34 - ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS/DEMOLITION**

- 22.1 None

**23. SECTION 38 (1) NID**

- 23.1 None

**24. REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION/OPINION/ADVICE**

- 24.1 None

**25. SECTION 27: PROVINCIAL HERITAGE SITE**

- 25.1 None

**26. SECTION 38 (8) TO OTHER AUTHORITIES**

**26.1 Proposed agricultural and tourist development on PTN 2 of Annex Goedemoed 127, Robertson.  
HM / CAPE WINELANDS/ LANGEBERG/ ROBERTSON / PORTION 2 OF ANNEX GOEDEMOED 127  
Case No: 19101709SB1101E**

**Comment to IACom**

The committee resolved to endorse the HIA by ASHA cons dated August 2022 and the recommendation on page 28. It is recommended that the proposed vineyard and accommodation units be authorised, but subjected to the following recommendation which should be included as a condition for authorisation:

1. Tented units are acceptable;
2. If formal units are desired, then flat-roofed accommodation units are preferred;
3. Bright paint colouring should be avoided with earthy tones being favoured;
4. Exterior lighting should be minimised and focused downwards where needed;
5. Pathway to make use of natural materials (e.g. stone or brown-coloured exposed aggregate); and
6. If any archaeological material 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. Such heritage is the property of the state and may require excavation and curation in an approved institution.

With the additional recommendations: The chance Fossil funds protocol to be attached to the EMPR.

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**26.2 Phase 1 Archaeological Survey of Approved Mining Areas at The Namakwa Sands Mine,  
Brand-se-Baai, Vredendal.NM  
HM/ WEST COAST/ MATZIKAMA/ VREDENDAL/ NAMAKWA SAND MINE  
Case No: 131024TS47**

**COMMENT SURVEY REPORT**

The committee resolved to endorse the finding in the survey report by ASHA Consultant dated September 2022 report and the Recommendations on pg. 58 and 49:

Grauw Duinen area:

- Full excavation of GD2022/005 and GD2022/010 must be effected;
- At GD2022/012, GD2022/016 and GD2022/020 the deposit must be shovel tested and if significant materials are found then a formal excavation must be carried out as necessary to capture a representative sample;
- At GD2022/014, GD2022/015 and GD2022/018 mitigation is to entail:
  - o A few square meters should be excavated to obtain a representative sample of the material on each site;
  - o A shovel test should then be carried out to determine whether any further significant materials lie deeper down. These should be sampled as necessary to capture a representative sample;
- Where possible the test excavations should continue to the surface of the dorbank to check

for buried MSA deposits (it is recognised that, depending on depth, it may not be feasible or safe to dig all holes to the dorbank);

- Radiocarbon dating should be carried out for GD2022/005 and GD2022/010 as well as for any significant buried sites that might be found;
- All excavation and collection to be conducted under a Workplan approved by HWC; and
- If any archaeological material or human burials are uncovered during the course of mining 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. Such heritage is the property of the state and may require excavation and curation in an approved institution.

West Mine and adjacent dorbank area:

- Mitigation at GD2022/001, GD2022/002, GD2022/003 and GD2022/004 should be carried out with at least about half of each scatter being collected;
- The adjacent dorbank exposures should be surveyed with appropriate areas identified for sampling. This sampling should then be conducted;
- As many handaxes, cleavers, other formal tools, and cores as possible should be collected from the surface, each with a GPS co-ordinate; and
- The termite structure at waypoint 049 should be collected.

General recommendations

- All excavation and collection to be conducted under a Workplan approved by HWC;
- If any archaeological material or human burials are uncovered during the course of mining 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. Such heritage is the property of the state and may require excavation and curation in an approved institution; and
- Mine staff should always be vigilant about spotting and rescuing fossils found during mining. Any significant finds made should be protected in situ until they can be reported to and, if necessary, inspected by a palaeontologist. Advice should be provided by the palaeontologist if professional inspection is not deemed necessary and the fossil field guide<sup>7</sup> recommendations can then be followed.

#### **COMMENT WORK PLAN APPLICATION**

The committee resolved endorse the work plan by ASHA Consultant for excavations as itemizes in the report

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#### **27. REPORT BACK FROM OTHER MEETINGS WHEN RELEVANT**

**27.1** None

#### **28. OTHER MATTERS**

**28.1 Bains Kloof CMP DRAFT  
HM / CAPE WINELANDS / DRAKENSTEIN / WELLINGTON / BAINS KLOOF PASS**

**Case No:** 19050303SB0619E

**COMMENT**

The committee noted the draft CMP and agreed that the matter would be discussed after the site inspection on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2022. LW, SH, EB

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**29. ADOPTION OF DECISIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

The Committee adopted the resolutions and decisions EB moved to adopt the decisions and resolutions and WB seconded.

**30. CLOSURE**

The meeting adjourned at: 11:50

**31. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022**

**CHAIRPERSON** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

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