

**PROPOSED EXPANSION OF ROMANSBAAI ABALONE FARM, PORTION 2 OF
THE FARM 711, GANSBAAI.=**



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Case ID: 22123

Date: Thursday, 4 April, 2024

Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

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The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) would like to thank you for submitting the Notice of Intent to Develop (NID): Proposed Expansion of Romansbaai Abalone Farm, on Portion 2 of the Farm 711, in Gansbaai, Western Cape as part of section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, No. 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

The applicant has submitted the NID to Heritage Western Cape as part of a trigger of section 38(1) of the NHRA, and Heritage Western Cape (HWC) has requested a formal comment from SAHRA's Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage (MUCH) unit to be added to the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) in line with section 38(5) of the NHRA, as a small portion of the development falls in the coastal zone and MUCH resources could be affected by the proposed works.

The proposed work's impact(s) to the coastal zone is limited to the installation of additional pipelines alongside existing pipelines within a previously disturbed area. Although the area has already been disturbed, the coastal zone is highly dynamic and previous disturbances may not have impacted on or uncovered unknown heritage resources. MUCH resources, like ship wreck debris or fossils, may have washed up since the last disturbance or may have been buried too deep to have been disturbed previously. Evidence of a nearby shell-midden, which is already in a no-go zone, highlights that this part of the coastline has been used by people for many years and there may be buried heritage resources nearby.

The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 38 of the NHRA.

- 38(2)a and 38(5) – The HIA formally requested by HWC must also be submitted to SAHRA, so that SAHRA can review the HIA for resources that fall under SAHRA's remit, specifically MUCH resources in this case.

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- 38(3) – The HIA must include a section with a detailed chance find's procedure that at the minimum states the following for the coastal zone: "If any evidence of maritime heritage resources or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA DAU (Natasha Higgitt 021 202 8660 / NHiggitt@sahra.org.za) and SAHRA MUCH (Ruan Brand 021 642 8672 / RBrand@sahra.org.za) must be alerted without delay as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with this section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule".
- 38(8) – All supporting documentation, and in this case specifically, the Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR), must also be uploaded to the case on SAHRIS to provide SAHRA for an opportunity to comment.

Please note that all updates and/or changes to the project, supporting documentation, correspondence, reports, or any other work relating to the project must be uploaded to the case on SAHRIS to provide SAHRA with the opportunity to comment. SAHRA does not accept emailed documents or hard-copy documents received via post.

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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Terms & Conditions:

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.

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