

**INITIAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTS RECEIVED - Nieuwoudtville Sportsgrounds Telecommunications Mast**

**A. COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A 25M HIGH TELECOMMUNICATIONS MAST ON ERF 435, NIEUWOUDTVILLE SPORTSGROUNDS, DU TOIT STREET, NIEUWOUDTVILLE, NORTHERN CAPE**

Date	Comment	I&AP	Project	Response	Respondent
19/03/2018	<p>Thank you for notifying SAHRA of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the proposed 25 m high Telecommunications mast on Erf 435, Nieuwoudtville Sportsgrounds, Du Toit Street, Nieuwoudtville, Northern Cape. As the proposed development is undergoing an EA Application process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, No 107 of 1998 (NEMA), NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is done as per section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).</p> <p>This must include an archaeological component, palaeontological component and any other applicable heritage components. The HIA must be conducted as part of the EA Application in terms of NEMA and the NEMA EIA Regulations.</p> <p>As the development area is relatively small, as per the 2007 SAHRA Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessments and the 2012 SAHRA Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments, a Letter of Recommendations for Exemption may be submitted.</p> <p>The quickest process to follow for the archaeological component would be to contract a specialist (see <a href="http://www.asapa.org.za">www.asapa.org.za</a> or <a href="http://www.aphp.org.za">www.aphp.org.za</a>) to provide an Archaeological Letter of Recommendation for Exemption.</p> <p>In order for the Palaeontological Letter of Recommendation for Exemption, a qualified palaeontologist must be contracted to compile the letter (see <a href="http://www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za">www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za</a> for qualified paleontologists). Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.</p>	SAHRA	Calvinia Sportgrounds Telecommunications Mast	EnviroAfrica takes note of SAHRA's interim comment, and a Heritage Screener was undertaken and can be found under Appendix D1 of the BAR.	EnviroAfrica