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**ANNOUNCEMENT: APPOINTMENT OF MANAGER OF THE
NEWLY ESTABLISHED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS UNIT
WITH HERITAGE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT DIVISION
AND HERITAGE CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT**



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To Whom It May Concern,

NOTIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MANAGER OF THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS UNIT WITHIN HERITAGE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND HERITAGE CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT

This letter serves to notify all stakeholders, applicants, consultants, and interested and affected parties of the appointment of the Manager of the newly established Development Applications Unit (DAU) located within the Heritage Conservation Management Department in the Heritage Resources Management Division of the South African Heritage Resources Agency.

Ms. Natasha Higgitt has been appointed as the manager in the new unit as of 1 February 2023. Ms. Higgitt was previously a Heritage Officer in the Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit at SAHRA.

Mandate of the Development Applications Unit

The DAU will be responsible for all development applications in terms of section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) submitted to SAHRA i.e. development applications located in the Northern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, Mpumalanga, North West and Limpopo Provinces. These include any development applications located within declared National Heritage Sites in all provinces, taking into account all agency agreements, and development applications below the high-water mark.

All permits required as part of mitigation measures in development applications will be managed through the DAU. This includes all permits issued in terms of section 27, 28, 35 and 36 of the NHRA. Permits issued in terms of section 34 of the NHRA will still be the jurisdiction of the relevant Provincial Heritage Resources Authorities (PHRAs), with the exception of section 34 permits located below the high-water mark, which will be issued by SAHRA.

There will be a transition period between the current units at SAHRA and the DAU with regards to the above functions. Please continue to liaise with the current assigned case officers for specific case enquiries until further notice. SAHRA appreciates the patience of the public during this transitional period.

Should you have any general queries with regards to the above, please contact Ms Natasha Higgitt at 021-202-8660 or nhiggitt@sahra.org.za or Ben Mwasinga.

Yours faithfully

Ben Mwasinga

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