

9.2 ECPHRA Response



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PROJECT: TRANSKEI QUARRIES (PTY) LTD
SAHRIS CASE ID: 25514

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BACKGROUND

Mthatha Quarry is an existing opencast quarry (since 1971) where dolerite is mined and processed for aggregate. The operation currently has limited reserves remaining (less than 2 years) and therefore proposes to expand the mining right area to include additional resource and extend the life of mine. It is important to note that the infrastructure, equipment and work force will not change from the present. The application is only to extend the life of mine.

ECPHRA (Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Authority) COMMENTS in terms of
Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (25 of 1999).

*This case was tabled at the Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM)
Committee meeting held on 16 July 2025.*

ECPHRA Comment:

ECPHRA acknowledges the submitted BID and the Draft Scoping Report including the Heritage Impact assessment (Coetzee, FP. August 2022) and the Paleontological Exemption Letter (Fourie, H. August 2022).

ECPHRA Recommendations

- The Paleontological Exemption Letter is acceptable, and the exemption is granted.
- For any heritage *finds*, ECPHRA must be contacted. The proposed landscape is within the Eastern Cape therefore EC PHRA is the responsible authority and not SAHRA.
- It must be highlighted that, contrary to the report (page 21 & 22), Mthatha and Tsolo landscape has many significant rock art sites.

- The monument (site 2) and the three graves identified in the report (sites 1, 3 & 4), should be relocated as requested by the community in July 2021 (page 18), at the cost of the developer.

With community consultation, a permit application for the grave and the memorial relocations needs to be submitted by an appointed specialist. Please attach supporting documents including the methodology to be used.

Once the graves have been relocated and reports submitted, ECPHRA will issue a final comment, as per Section 38 (4) of the NHRA of 1999.

Project Payment:

NID (R 500 - paid)

HIA (R 1 500 - paid)



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