



NOTICE OF AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTIFICATION

RENEWED SURVEY AND TRIAL EXCAVATIONS AT THE CAPE AGULHAS LIGHT HOUSE PRECINCT, AGULHAS NATIONAL PARK, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

Proposal: ACO Associates CC was appointed by SANParks to conduct a renewed archaeological assessment of the lighthouse precinct at Cape Agulhas. Until recently this was undeveloped agricultural land which has been procured by SANParks through land purchases and management agreements with Farm Owners. The end result has seen the development of a National Park of significant size and aesthetics, which incorporates within its boundaries a number of important historical structures. Cape Agulhas has become a “must visit” location for both local and foreign tourists. Apart from the rest camp situated within the park, amenities for day visitors are few. The lighthouse contains a very small museum and gift shop but has no capacity to accommodate the needs of more than a handful of visitors at any given time. The development proposal is to create better amenities that will be located in a series of low profile structures in the precinct. The proposal consists of the following:

- New Administrative offices for SANParks Management;
- SANParks tourist offices;
- New parking areas and internal roads;
- A restaurant, culture centre and vendor stalls; and,
- A picnic area.

South African Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act 25 of 1999):

Section 38 of the NHRA stipulates that HIAs are required for certain kinds of development such as the rezoning of land greater than 10 000m² in extent or exceeding 3 or more sub-divisions, linear developments in excess of 300m or for any activity that will alter the character or landscape of a site greater than 5000m².

Opportunity to Participate: Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby invited to comment on the Archaeological Impact Assessment. A 30 calendar day comment period, from **15 May 2019** until **13 June 2019** is now open to I&APs. Please submit your comments in writing to SANParks at the details provided below. Also provide your name and contact details (postal address as well as preferred method of communication, e.g. email, registered post, normal post, etc.), as well as an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest you may have in the application.

The Archaeological Impact Assessment will be available on SANParks website from **15 May 2019** (https://www.sanparks.org/groups/eia_notices/)

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