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REQUEST NOT TO CONDUCT A HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT (HIA) AS PER SECTION 38(3) AND 38(8) OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT, ACT 25 OF 1999 (NHRA) AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 24(4)b(iii) OF NEMA THAT INCLUDES AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL COMPONENT, PALAEOANTHROPOLOGICAL COMPONENT AND ANY OTHER HERITAGE COMPONENT IN RESPECT OF THE PROPOSED MINING PERMIT APPLICATION FOR COAL ON PORTION OF PORTION 32 OF THE FARM BLESBOKLAAGTE 296 JS, SITUATED UNDER THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF EMALAHLENI, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.

Reference is made to the comments received from South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA).



Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd on behalf of **Emet Mining and Engineering (Pty) Ltd, Royalties Laboratory (Pty) Ltd** and **Xoladani Siphwudumo (Pty) Ltd** lodged mining permit applications to mine coal on portion of portion 32 of the farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS within the magisterial district of Emalahleni, Mpumalanga Province.

- The proposed operations are located within a heavily modified area as a result of previous underground mining operations and there are no signs of Paleontological, Archaeological components or any other Heritage components that were observed on site during site assessment.
- The land use and land cover of the proposed project areas comprises of neighboring mines in the close proximity to the proposed mining permit areas, such as Leeuwpoort East Colliery, Blesboklaagte Colliery etc., Samancor FMT Plant operation and vegetation cover such as dry grass and gum trees. No sensitive areas such as CBA irreplaceable and no species of ecological importance were identified within the proposed project area.
- The relative Palaeontological Theme Sensitivity Map from the Screening Report indicates that the proposed Emet Mining and Engineering (Pty) Ltd falls within a very high sensitivity Palaeontological theme however, no signs of Palaeontological, Archaeological components or any other Heritage components that were observed on site during site assessment.
- Diggings (which may be as a result of illegal mining activities within the proposed project area), sinkholes were also observed onsite, which may be the result of previous underground mining activities and neighbouring operating mines, including Samancor FMT Plant operation in close proximity to the proposed mining area, which uses heavy machinery. As a result, Soil, Hydrogeological and Hydrological Studies were conducted to support the proposed Mining Permit Application.

Your response regarding the proposed Mining Permit applications on portion of portion 32 of the farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS are highly anticipated.

Yours Sincerely:

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