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RE: K2019315211 (SOUTH AFRICA) (PTY) LTD – PROSPECTING RIGHT APPLICATION

We refer to your Final Comment dated 3 April 2020 and 24 April 2020 respectively and note the content thereof.

Palaeontological Heritage Report: Desktop Study (PIA):

We hereby confirm that the PIA compiled by Dr. J.E. Almond of Natura Viva CC has been uploaded onto the SAHRIS system on the 22nd of April 2020.

A concern regarding the NEMA EIA timeframes was raised in your letter. Please take note that the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) as the competent authority has issued directions relating to permissions, rights and permits as contemplated in the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA) under Government Notice No. R. 462 in Government Gazette No. 43227 as published on 11 April 2020. In terms of these directions the following: "the period of which falls between 27 March 2020 and the termination of the lockdown period of the national state of disaster is hereby extended, or deemed to be extended, by the number of days of the duration of the lockdown period of the national state of disaster declared for the COVID-19 pandemic".

The due date for submission of the final Environmental Impact Assessment / Environmental Management Programme Report at the DMR is 20 April 2020; however in terms of the abovementioned directives, the date for final submission has been extended.

Heritage Impact Assessment Report (HIA):

SAHRA recommends that DMR reject the application based on the fact that the HIA did not assess each borehole or trench location as part of the field assessment.

This matter has been brought under the attention of Mr. Stephan Gaigher, author of the HIA. Refer to the attached letter from Mr. Gaigher addressing the concern.

We hereby request that SAHRA re-assess the information provided based on the extended timeframes as well as the letter from Mr. Gaigher regarding the HIA.

If you have any other questions or need some more information please feel free to contact the writer.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'T. Jooste', written in a cursive style.

Ms. T. Jooste