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SAHRA

Per E-Mail: nhiggit@sahra.org.za

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SAHRA CaseID: 20726

RE: KHARIEP PLANT AND MINING (PTY) LTD: PROSPECTING RIGHT APPLICATION OVER REMAINING EXTENT, PORTION 1, PORTION 2 AND PORTION 3 OF THE FARM GAYELONG 191, KURUMAN DISTRICT, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Dear Ms. Higgit,

We refer to your Interim Comment dated 10 July 2023, which states the following: "SAHRA requests that a more comprehensive field survey be conducted and a revised HIA be submitted".

We wish to bring the following constraints to your attention:

1. There are four surface owners:
 - Remaining Extent: Kalahari Futures Trading Trust;
 - Portion 1: Marietha Freund Trust;
 - Portion 2: Kgalagadi Dipudi Cooperative Enterprise Ltd; and
 - Portion 3: Kylipac Property Development (Pty) Ltd
2. Only two of the abovementioned surface owners could be contacted to request access for Specialist, Dr. J. Chikumbirike. These were:
 - Mr. Lubbe of Kalahari Futures Trading Trust, via his Attorney Mr. Kruger; and
 - Mr. Freund of the Marietha Freund Trust

No contact information could be obtained for Kgalagadi Dipudi Cooperative Enterprise Ltd or Kylipac Property Development (Pty) Ltd (not even from the surrounding surface owners).

3. A site visit was arranged for the 13th of May 2023.
4. Mr. Freund (Portion 1) met with Dr. Chikumbirike at the farm and allowed access for the field-based assessment. Unfortunately, after several attempts by myself, Dr. Chikumbirike and Mr. Freund, Mr. Lubbe could not be reached telephonically to gain access to the Remaining Extent on the date of the site visit. I again refer you to the fact that no contact details could be obtained for Portions 2 and 3.

5. Dr. Chikumbirike is willing to do another site visit; however there is no guarantee that access will be obtained the second time around, which will have a great cost impact to our client, Xhariep.
6. We therefore humbly request that SAHRA accept the submitted HIA on the condition that Xhariep provide an undertaking to the effect that a field-based HIA be conducted before any invasive prospecting commences.

If you have any other questions or need some more information please feel free to contact the writer. We look forward to your favourable response.

Yours faithfully



Ms. T. Jooste