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**SAHRA**

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

DMRE File Ref Nr: (NC) 30/5/1/1/2/13478 PR  
SAHRA CaseID: 21335

**RE: XHARIEP PLANT AND MINING (PTY) LTD: PROSPECTING RIGHT APPLICATION OVER THE REMAINING EXTENT OF CONSOLIDATED FARM KAPPIES KAREEBOOM 540, PORTION 1 OF CONSOLIDATED FARM KAPPIES KAREEBOOM 540, REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM 544 AND PORTION 1 OF THE FARM 616, HAY DISTRICT, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

Dear Ms. Higgitt,

We refer to your Interim Comment dated 9 June 2023, which states the following: "The field-based assessment of archaeological resources must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist".

Dr. Joseph Chikumbirike has been appointed to conduct the field visit and compile the Heritage Impact Assessment for this project.

We wish to bring the following constraints to your attention:

1. There are four surface owners:
  - Sishen Iron Ore Co (Pty) Ltd
  - Ms. A.M.M. du Plooy
  - Henque 4362 CC
  - Mr. M.C. Lambrechts
2. Sishen Iron Ore Co (Pty) Ltd has refused access and objected against the grant of the application. See attached letter for easy reference.
3. All three other surface owners agreed that Dr. Chikumbirike could gain access and a field visit was arranged for and conducted on 2 – 3 September 2023.

However, during the site visit Dr. Chikumbirike was only able to assess two of the properties as the gate to the third property was locked. The surface owner's cellphone was on voicemail and no contact could be made to obtain access on the day of the visit.

4. 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.
5. We therefore humbly request that SAHRA accept the final 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.

Yours faithfully



Ms. T. Jooste



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ATTENTION: Tanya Jooste

18 August 2023

Dear Madam

**PROSPECTING RIGHT APPLICATION - XHARIEP PLANT AND MINING PROPRIETARY LIMITED**

We confirm receipt of your e-mail dated 14 August 2023.

As you are aware, Sishen Iron Ore Company (Pty) Ltd (SIOC) operates the Kolomela Mine and is the landowner of the Remaining Extent and Portion 1 of Consolidated Farm Kappies Kareeboom 540. SIOC is also the registered holder of mining right NC 30/5/1/2/2/069MR, the mining right area of which is directly adjacent to the aforementioned property.

We record that SIOC has lodged an objection to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) against the grant of the prospecting right application submitted by Xhariep Plant and Mining Proprietary Limited (Xhariep) under DMRE reference NC30/5/1/1/2/13478 PR and has requested the DMRE to refer its objection to the Regional Mining Development and Environmental Committee. See attached objection, for your ease of reference.

In light hereof, please be advised that SIOC will not at this time permit Xhariep nor any of its consultants nor contractors access to Farm Kappies Kareeboom 540. Any request for access will only be considered, to the extent necessary, after the objection has been finalised.

Yours sincerely

Signed by:Lorraine Scheepers  
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Reason:I approve this document

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