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South African Heritage Resources Agency  
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**CASE ID: 846**

**AMENDMENT TO THE HERITAGE STATEMENT FOR THE ZANDBAKEN COAL MINE PROJECT, ZANDBAKEN 585 IR, SANDBAKEN 363 IS, AND BOSMANS SPRUIT 364 IS, STANDERTON, MPUMALANGA**

Dear Phillip Hine,

On 9 November 2012, Digby Wells Environmental submitted the following documents on SAHRIS:

- Heritage Statement for the Zandbaken Coal Mine Project, Zandbaken 585 IR, Sandbaken 363 IS, and Bosmans Spruit 364 IS, Standerton, Mpumalanga; and
- Notification of Intent to Develop (NID) (Zandbaken Coal Mine)

We have since received Interim Comments from SAHRA, dated 28 November 2012, with recommendations for a Heritage Impact Assessment inclusive of:

- A Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment;
- A focussed Burial Grounds and Grave Survey;
- A Built Environment Assessment inclusive of a Historical Townscape Assessment;
- A Visual Impact Assessment; and
- A Phase 1 Palaeontological Assessment including a site visit.

Subsequent to the submission of the NID and Heritage Statement certain project details changed as reflected in the Draft Scoping Report that has been made available for Public Review on 3 December 2012. These changes included:

- Exclusion of the farms Zandbaken 585 IR and Bosman Spruit 364 IS;
- Inclusion of detailed designs and mine plan for the underground mine Project Area on Portion 3 of Sandbaken 363 IS, limited to 22. 82 ha; and

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- Exclusion of any open-cast mining.

Digby Wells has consequently updated the Heritage Statement and NID to reflect the current project details. Amended recommendations were also made to include a Heritage Impact Assessment inclusive:

- A Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of the 22.82 ha Project Area;
- A Phase 1 Palaeontological Assessment; and
- Visual Impact Assessment.

Recommendations for a Built Environment Assessment inclusive of a Historical Townscape Assessment and a focused Burial Grounds and Grave survey should not be required based on the reduced footprint of the Project Area.

We kindly request that the amended Heritage Statement and NID be considered and that amended Interim Comments be provided by 4 February 2013.

Should you have any queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the Digby Wells consultant.

Regards,

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