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KLIPSPRUIT EXTENSION SOUTH (CASE ID 6316)

Dear Nokukhanya Khumalo,

Thank you for the Interim Comment issued for the Klipspruit Extension South (*KPSX: South*) Project (Case ID 6316). The letter serves to provide you with additional information regarding the possible graves within the project area, as requested in the Interim Comment dated 20 March 2015.

The current landowner of Klipspruit 3 IS, Mr. Ivan Enslin, informed the Social Science Consultant of an unknown number of graves as indicated by Plan 1 in Appendix C of the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA). These graves are located within the proposed pit area and would be negatively impacted on by the proposed development. According to Mr Enslin, the graves had no tombstones or markers, and he was unsure of the number of graves located in the area. The relevant Next-of-Kin (NoK) are also unknown. While the presence of these graves is noted, this could not be verified during reconnaissance as no visible markers exist.

As per the KPSX: South Project HIA, a Burial Grounds and Graves Consultation (BGGC) Process has been recommended in the event environmental authorisation is granted. This will entail further consultation regarding the identified graves (i.e. S.36-002) and those identified by Mr. Enslin. As per the Chapter XI Regulations, this will include advertising the process in local media to ensure that NoK are identified as far as possible and informed of the project. The BGGC process will also ensure NoK are given the opportunity to be consulted and provide informed consent regarding the future of the graves. This process must include agreements in respect of a Conservation Management Plan and possible Grave Relocation Plan if it is required.

BHP Billiton Energy Coal South Africa (BECSA) is aware of the graves within the area highlighted in Plan 1. In the event that no NoK for those graves are identified through the BGGC Process, it was recommended that Chance Find Procedures (CFPs) be developed and included within the EMP for the KPSX: South Project. The CFPs will clearly define the reporting structure and action items required in the discovery or accidental exposure of heritage resources, including burial grounds and/or human remains.

Should the EA not be approved, the current status-quo will be maintained and the anticipated project related activities and identified impacts will no longer be applicable.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Digby Wells Heritage Unit if any of the above is unclear or if further information is required.

Regards,



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