

27 August 2014

Nokukhanya Khumalo
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BELFAST OPEN CAST COAL MINE PROJECT

Dear Nokukhanya Khumalo,

Exxaro Coal Mpumalanga (Pty) Ltd (hereafter Exxaro) appointed Digby Wells Environmental (hereafter Digby Wells) to conduct a Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) for the Belfast Open Cast Coal Mine Project (hereafter Project). The Project was granted Environmental Authorisation on 4 July 2013 (approval letter attached) following an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) undertaken in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (Ref No. 17/2/3N-131). This EIA and accompanying specialist studies, including a Heritage Impact Assessment (conducted in 2009 by de Jong) were submitted to the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (MDEDET) in 2012.

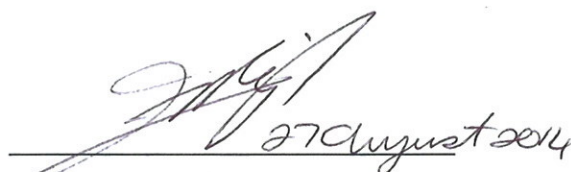
Currently, the project is now in a RAP phase where affected households have been surveyed for relocation. Included within these households are affected graves that will need to be relocated to avoid negative impact caused by the open cast mining activities.

As preparations for the RAP consultation were underway, it became clear that the previous HIA was not submitted on SAHRIS for comment. In order to expedite the process, we have given Digby Wells permission to submit the original HIA conducted in 2009 by de Jong along with the 2012 EIA for SAHRA comment.

We therefore kindly request that Statutory Comment be issued in terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act 25 of 1999) (NHRA) on the 2009 HIA.

Should you have any queries or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Johan van der Bijl (073 347 4452), Tarryn Dale (082 858 2882) or Digby Wells (Tel: +27 11 789 9495).

Regards,



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