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**Subject:** RE: CaseID: 14681 and CaseID: 14704  
**Attachments:** FairviewProject\_FootprintArea\_ForSAHRA.kml

Dear Ms Khumalo,

Thank you so much for your response.

I again sincerely apologise for the lack of communication within our office and the confusion this caused.

Please find attached kml file, that indicates quite accurately which areas are proposed to be affected by the project activities. I've also included the Heritage Sites identified in the HIA.

Thank you for helping. I am clearly not all too computer-literate when it comes to the SAHRIS website.

Kindest Regards,

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Good Morning

I had initially thought that these two cases were the same however, the area mapped on SAHRIS is different in both cases. Therefore, I determined that these are separate applications. Noting your concerns below, I will upload this email to both cases for record purposes. Then place case 14704 as "For Noting" and continue on with the latter case as it has the heritage reports. Once this is done, I will re-assess the case.

Before the case can be reassessed the .kml file must be must be amended to include the entire application area.

Kind Regards,  
Nokukhanya Khumalo

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**From:** lelani@cabangaconcepts.co.za <lelani@cabangaenvironmental.co.za>  
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Dear Ms Khumalo,

I trust you are well and sincerely hope you can assist me.

Cabanga Environmental has been appointed by Barberton Mines (Pty) Ltd (BML) to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for activities which they propose at their Fairview Mine near Barberton in Mpumalanga. The project is currently in Scoping Phase, and the Scoping Report has been submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) for consideration.

As part of the associated public participation process, it seems that both myself, and my colleague Michelle Venter, uploaded the Project onto SAHRIS. We've now received two Case ID's and indeed 2 sets of comments from SAHRA based on our duplication of work and I sincerely apologise for the confusion on our side. I attach both interim comments received, for ease of reference. Both these relate to the exact same project and EIA process.

SAHRA Comments dated 27 January 2020: CaseID 14704: now states that an HIA *must be* undertaken.

SAHRA Comments dated 24 January 2020: Case ID 14681: comments on the HIA and PIA that *has already been* undertaken.

Is there a way to remedy this and can you please assist? It would make future discussions a lot easier if this project could have a single caseID.

Secondly, it is noted that the CaseID14704 comments requires an assessment of impacts to the other 51 declared geosites in the Barberton Makhonjwa Mountains World Heritage Site (BM MWHS) by a suitably qualified geologist. Comments with CaseID 14681 require that a geological heritage survey be undertaken. The proposed project activities are all limited to *surface* activities (reclamation of mineral waste material dumped in the area before such activities were regulated, and construction (on surface) of a new Tailings Facility on the same footprint that previously housed a Tailings Facility). Furthermore the activities are over 2.5km from the border of the WHS, at the closest point and 5.5km from the nearest Geosite that I am aware of. The Fairview Mining Right Area was considered in the assessment of the area as part of the WHS nomination as well, and excluded from the WHS with reason.

I would like the opportunity to discuss the merits of forcing the Mine to undertake further studies of this nature, at their expense and time-risk, considering that their proposed activities are limited to surface and fall outside of the WHS and within their approved Mining Right. The Archaeological Impact Assessment that was done already concluded that the dumps themselves are of no cultural significance and do not warrant protection. Please can you advise how we should approach this request.

Thank you and Kind Regards,



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