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South African Heritage Resource Agency

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ATT: Kathryn Smuts

NEMA PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS - AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT

**PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON PORTION 1 AND THE REMAINDER FARM SIMS NO. 462,
KURUMAN RD, KATHU, NORTHERN CAPE**

DEPARTMENT: ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURE CONSERVATION (D:E&NC) REF NO: NC/EIA/10/JTG/GAM/KAT2/2014

Please note the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) for the above mentioned proposal (available for viewing and comment from 18 March 2015 to 04 May 2015.) has been updated to the Final Scoping Report (FSR) and will be submitted to the Department of Environment and Nature Conservation (D:ENC) for approval prior to undertaking the EIA Phase. Various comments were received during the commenting period. These comments were included and responded to, by various members of the project team, in the FSR as the Comments and Response (C&R) Report (see attached to this letter). Please note: all responses made are considered draft/preliminary responses as the majority of the comments made will be dealt with in the EIA phase as further detailed specialist assessments are to be undertaken.

As a result of the comments received some changes were made to the DSR, including updating of the public participation process information.

Please find included with this letter the comments and response report for the Draft Scoping Report as well as the Final Scoping Report and Plan of Study.

Your department has 21 days to comment on the Final SR (as per DEA requirement). Should comments not be received within the prescribed timeframes, it would be assumed that no comments are forthcoming and D:ENC will continue to process the application in the absence of your department's comments. The commenting period is from **11 May 2016 to 10 June 2016**.

Comments are to be submitted to the:

Department of Environmental and Nature Conservation

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All comments are to be copied to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner – see details below:

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Please be reminded that the applicant intends applying for exemption from Regulation 10(2)(d) of Government Notice No. R543, which states that the applicant must within 12 days of the date of the decision, place a notice in the same newspaper(s) used for the placing of advertisements as part of the public participation process, informing Interested and Affected Parties of the decision, where the decision can be accessed and the right to appeal. Registered I&AP's will be notified of the decision by post and/or preferred method of communication.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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