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BY E-MAIL

(NC) 30/5/1/2/2/ (10186) MR

The Regional Manager
Department of Mineral Resources
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For attention to: Mr. Eugene Nkatholang

Sir

APPLICATION FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) AS AMENDED (NEMA) AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 REGARDING THE MINING RIGHT AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURAL ACTIVITIES ON THE REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM GLOUCESTER NO 674, SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF KURUMAN, NORTHERN CAPE

With reference to the application (NC) 30/5/1/2/2/ (10186) MR of Wepex Trading (Pty) Ltd, please find attached final comments received from SAHRA dated 20 August 2021 in which SAHRA advised that they cannot endorse the proposed mining activities due to a pending appeal lodged by SAHRA in regards to the Section 102 application that had been submitted by Wepex. SAHRA claimed that they have not received any information regarding the submitted appeal.

We have contacted Appeals and Legal Review and they have confirmed that the appeal was sent to SAHRA on 25 September 2019 by Adv Rudessa Harris (Attached).

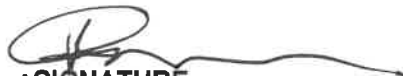
I have also contacted Prof AC van Vollenhoven to update and revise his 2018 heritage assessment to accommodate activities in the Mining Right application, although I am of the opinion that the sites of significance in terms of heritage will not change as the study was conducted for a Section 102 application in 2018 which included bulk sampling.

To accommodate SAHRA, Prof AC van Vollenhoven will revisit his study and update it for the Mining Right application to re-submit to SAHRA. If the study reveals any significant new information, we will add the information to the EIA EMP application.

Due to the above comment from SAHRA and the resultant update of the HIA report, and in terms of the protocol, please also consider this letter as an application for the deadline to submit the EIAr & EMPr to be extended with 55 days (as prescribed by Section 23 (1) (b) of NEMA). The extension is needed to provide sufficient time for the HIA specialist study to be updated and then also for the EAP to subsequently collated this into the EIA report.

We hope and trust that the above issues and request will be to your satisfaction, and await your approval.

Kind regards


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Final Comment

In terms of Section 38(4), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: WEPEX TRADING (PTY) LTD

Open cast mining with yellow equipment for manganese and iron ore.

Wadala Mining and Consulting Pty Ltd has been appointed by Wepex Trading (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation Application in support of a Mining Right Application for proposed mining activities on Remaining Extent of Gloucester No. 674, near Glossam, Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/2/2/10186 MR).

A draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA EIA Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended). The proposed mining right application area covers 1 165.8 ha with activities and infrastructure such as blasting, explosives magazine, sewage facilities, clean and dirty water system, fuel storage, open pit, generator, offices, parking, processing plant, access and haul roads, salvage yard, security, various stockpiles, stormwater dam, topsoil storage area, waste disposal site, rock dump, concurrent rehabilitation, workshop and wash bay, water distribution pipeline, water tanks, weigh bridge and control room.

A Palaeontological Impact Assessment and Heritage Impact Assessment conducted as part of a prospecting rights application have been submitted and referenced in the EIA. SAHRA submitted an appeal for the prospecting rights application i.e. SAHRIS Case ID 13519 (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/wepex-trading-pty-ltd-process-applying-section-102-nc30511211815pr>) as SAHRA had not been provided an opportunity to provide comments on the application. To date, SAHRA has not received any information regarding the submitted appeal.

Final Comment

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot endorse this proposed development and advises the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) to reject the application for Mining Rights activities on Remaining Extent of Gloucester No. 674, near Glossam, Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/2/2/10186 MR) as no assessment of the impact of proposed development on heritage

Mining Right application WEPEX TRADING PTY LTD FOR IRON ORE AND MANGANESE

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resources has been conducted. The submitted reports assess the impact of prospecting activities and not the mining rights activities under application.

This comment must be forwarded directly to the competent authorities and proof of the submission and receipt thereof must be provided to SAHRA.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

Natasha Higgitt
Heritage Officer
South African Heritage Resources Agency

Phillip Hine
Manager: Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit
South African Heritage Resources Agency

ADMIN:
Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/569419>



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Re: Appeal Decision: SAHRA// Wepex Trading (Pty) Ltd LSA186057

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Wed, Aug 25, 2021 at 10:32 AM

To: Rudessa Harris <RHarris@environment.gov.za>, Nikolas Rhodes <nikolas@wepext.co.za>, Roelina Oosthuizen <roosthuizen950@gmail.com>

Good day Adv. Harris,

Hope you are well.

The appeal decision with regard to the client's (Wepex Trading Pty Ltd) application for a Prospecting Right, refers.

We have applied for the Mining Right for the client as per conditions of the Prospecting Right and submitted our documents to SAHRA as prescribed including the study which was the bone of contention.

SAHRA however loaded a comment for the Application not recommending and supporting the application - copy attached for ease of reference.

Reasons amongst others are that no Heritage reports have been undertaken and or submitted, the most significant reason being that they have not received the appeal decision which I received via email from your office.

Can you please confirm that you have also sent through this appeal decision to SAHRA.

Kind regards

Willie Oosthuizen
082 870 9973

On Wed, Sep 25, 2019 at 2:45 PM Rudessa Harris <RHarris@environment.gov.za> wrote:

Dear Mr Oosthuizen

Kindly see attached appeal decision for your attention.

Regards

Adv Rudessa Harris

Appeals and Legal Review

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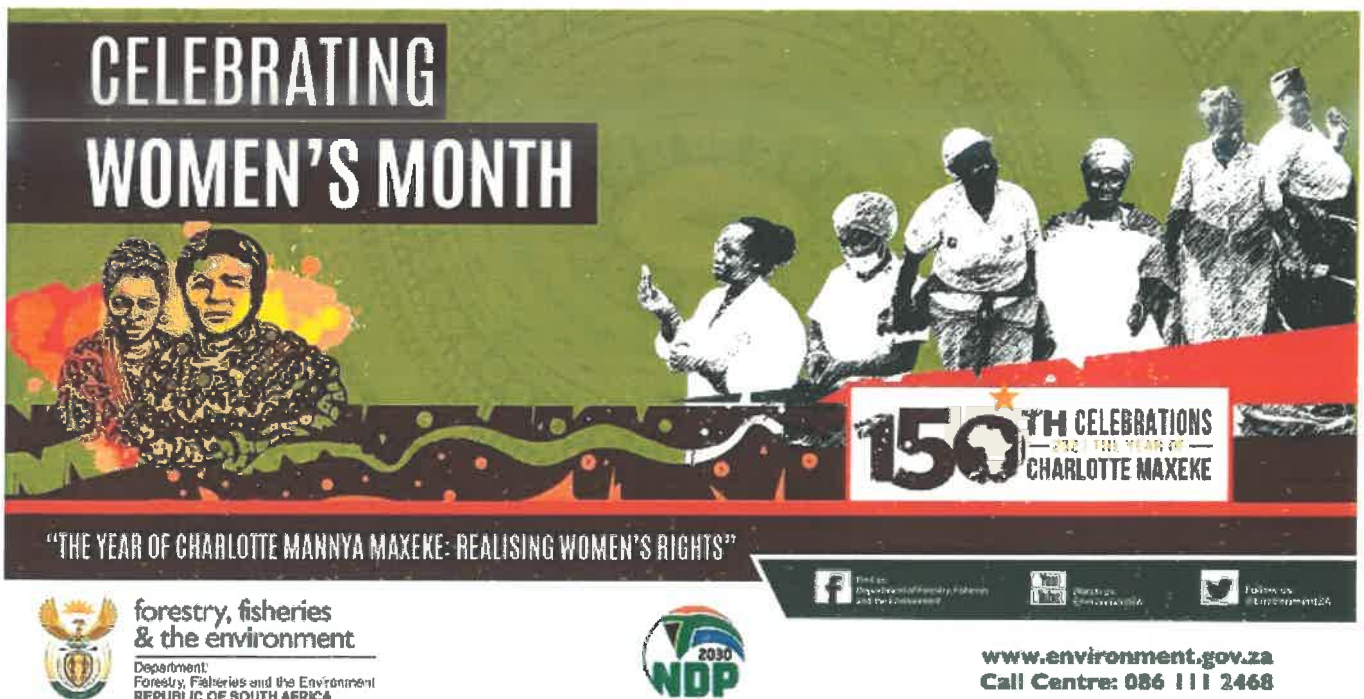
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Regards

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