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To: The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)
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Attention: Maria Galimberti or Kathryn Smuts
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Dear Madam,

RE: PROSPECTING RIGHT APPLICATION OVER PORTION 1 OF THE FARM MATSAP 81

We write on behalf of our client, MATSAP SALT (PTY) LTD (MATSAP). This letter serves to inform you that MATSAP submitted an application for a prospecting right, in order to commence with planned prospecting for salt, nitrate (NO₃) and unspecified minerals, on Portion 1 of the Farm Matsap 81, in the Postmasburg area, Northern Cape Province.

The application was submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR): Directorate Mineral Regulation, in terms of Section 16 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resource Development Act (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA). The DMR issued a letter of acceptance of the application, and instructed MATSAP to proceed with consultation with Interested and/or Affected Parties (I&APs), and the preparation of an Environmental Management Plan (EMP), as per the requirements of Sections 16(4), 17(4) and 29 of the MPRDA.

Please be advised that, in terms of Section 16(4)(b) of the MPRDA, you are an I&AP in respect of the above application, and should be consulted. Information about the project is enclosed for your perusal. Note that the applicant is currently in process of compiling the Environmental Management Plan (EMP), and that very limited information about the cultural / heritage / paleontological environment is available at this stage. Information on the project will be uploaded onto SAHRIS in due course.

We would like to enquire whether a heritage and/or paleontological assessment must be undertaken for the project, and if so, at which level of detail these studies must be done. Alternatively, please let us know whether we may request exemption, and how the process of exemption should unfold.

Please be so kind to engage with us in this regard as soon as possible, but no later than **17 January 2014**. Note that a comment sheet is enclosed for your convenience. Should we not receive a response from you by the 17th, we will presume that you have no comment.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this correspondence and please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this further. You may also wish to contact the Department of Mineral Resources in Kimberley on 053 807 1700. The project reference number at the DMR is: (NC) 30/5/1/1/2/11039 PR.

Yours faithfully,



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