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CASE ID: 5748 ERG2203 – BASIC ASSESSMENT RONDEBULT WATER PIPELINE

Dear Andrew Salomon,

Thank you for the response on case 5748 issued in a letter dated 24 October 2014.

As required in the above mentioned letter, it was indicated that in the event that no heritage resources will be impacted on by the proposed project, we may submit a letter to this effect to the South African Heritage Resources Authority (SAHRA). Herewith then, we submit that no heritage resources will be affected and that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is therefore not required.

We base our request on information contained in the Notification of Intent to Develop (NID) submitted to SAHRA and the Gauteng Provincial Heritage Resources Authority (PHRA-G) in support of the Basic Assessment in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) for the proposed construction of a water pipeline on 29 May 2014.

As stated under Section 8 of the NID, the proposed pipeline will have limited and short-term impacts on a landscape that has been heavily disturbed through historic mining and agricultural activities, as well as urban development. Furthermore, desktop analysis and field reconnaissance survey did not yield any identifiable heritage resources within the proposed routing option.

Based on the results from the study, a request for exemption from additional heritage assessment was made with the following conditions:

- The proposed pipeline routing maintain a minimum of 50 m buffer from any identified burial ground or grave, including the identified South Park Cemetery; and
- Chance Find Procedures must be implemented that includes applicable permits and heritage authorisations that may be required in the event that heritage resources protected in terms of sections 27, 28, 29, 34, 35, 36 and 37 of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999) (NHRA) are impacted upon.

In light of the findings contained within the NID, PHRA-G issued a Record of Decision (RoD) dated 25 July 2014 (Ref: H34/14) that exempted Ergo Mining (Pty) Ltd from undertaking an

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HIA. Subsequently, Environmental Authorisation was granted for the project by the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) (Ref: GAU002/14-15/0015), that also exempted Ergo Mining (Pty) Ltd from additional environmental authorisation.

We therefore request that SAHRA similarly exempts the Rondebult Water Pipeline Project in terms of all relevant sections of the NHRA, including sections 35 and 36.

Regards,

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