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HERITAGE FREE STATE: THE PERMIT COMMITTEE  
Business Partners Building  
BLOEMFONTEIN  
9300

Attention: THE CHAIRPERSON

Dear Sir

VOORSPOED DIAMOND MINE: KROONSTAD REGION

We have been approached by representatives of De Beers in connection with a permit (No 1/64/06) for the demolition of a structure older than sixty (60) years at the above-mentioned diamond mine.

The permit conditionally gave approval for the demolition of the structure.

We attach the original documentation and permit as were submitted by the applicant in 2006. You will note that the report is comprehensive and was duly considered by the Permit Committee and the permit granted.

The permit has since lapsed, in part because the mine suspended operations for some time and also because they were at the time unable to make contact with the regional office of Heritage Free State. You will remember that there was a period where Ms Jeanne Nel was not available or had left the employ of the Department.

We therefore respectfully request that the permit be renewed, and furthermore, that the condition that the existing midden next to the police station be excavated, be waived. In an attached letter from an archaeologist, who on more than one occasion visited the midden (refuse area), he indicates that it is unlikely that cultural material of any importance would be retrieved here.

We trust that you will favourably consider our request, and should you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact the writer.

Yours faithfully



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