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Dear Madam;

R.E.: BRAKFONTEIN 264 IR COLLIERY, CLOSE TO DELMAS, MPUMALANGA CASE ID: 2889

We refer to your interim comments dated July 15, 2013. Please see below in response to your comments:

• It is unclear in terms of what legislation this report was submitted to SAHRA as this colliery is already in existence.

Brakfontein 264 IR Colliery is an operational coal mine. Whilst the Colliery has an approved mining right in terms of the MPRDA, no license is in place in terms of NEMA. The operation is currently making an application for rectification in terms of Section 24G of NEMA for activities undertaken in the past.

Unfortunately, Cabanga Concepts was not involved with the original mining right application and we have been unable to ascertain whether or not SAHRA was informed of the original MPRDA application by the previous environmental consultants or not.

• No heritage resources were identified in the submitted report; however this report was completed after the development of the existing colliery. No information was provided in the report regarding the impact of the colliery on heritage resources during the development phase of the project. As such SAHRA is unable to provide comment on the impact of this development on heritage resources.

The mining right area includes portions 27 and 17 of the farm Brakfontein 264 IR. Whilst the colliery is operational it must be noted that only portion 27 has been disturbed to date. No development has yet taken place on portion 17.

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We trust that you find the above in order and look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

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