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Sent: Thursday, 04 February 2021 10:41
To: Ragna Redelstorff
Subject: FW: Stompoor fossil site- SAHRA permit application
Attachments: Stompoor crater site and drilling grid.pdf

Dear Ragna

I thought it best to not copy you into my letter sent to the Alidabex contact person listed in the desk top report of John Almond.

However, it would appear that there is no urgency in them acknowledging receipt.

So, I think it is prudent that you be aware of what I asked for- in case there is simply no response.

Please refer to e-mail below.

Best regards

Roger

PS Oliver Wings- one of the co-investigators on this project send his regards.

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From: Roger M H Smith
Sent: Tuesday, 02 February 2021 13:41
To: hano@nayan.co.za
Subject: Stompoor fossil site- SAHRA permit application

Dear Mr Haman,

I have been advised by Dr Ragna Redelstorff of SAHRA to contact you regarding the Alidabix (Pty) Ltd. mineral prospecting permit for the farm Stompoor 109 in the Copperton area. I am the scientist responsible for much of the research that has been carried out to date on the unique Cretaceous crater lake rocks and fossils that occur on this farm. This work was cited in the Background Document by MS Consulting as well as the EIA desktop report prepared by Dr Almond.

In December 2020, I applied to SAHRA for a fossil excavation permit to continue opening up this site with a consortium of overseas and local palaeontologists. They responded with the request that I contact you to inform you of our plans and to make certain that there would be no conflict of interest with your company should the fossil excavation permit be granted.

The fossil site is roughly circular, around 600m in diameter and lies south of your planned drilling grid as shown in the desktop report of Dr Almond (see attached). Thus, there is no direct overlap of the areas we are planning to work although the access road to our site currently traverses the drilling grid. We would like to mechanically excavate several relatively small (5mx5m) pits through the recent Kalahari sand covering the crater sediments down to the level of the top of the fossil bearing strata (variably 3-12m depending on position within the crater deposit). We would be onsite for +/-2 months at a time for 2-3 consecutive years operating from the empty farmhouse on the property which the owner has already given us permission to use as a basecamp.

As there is no spacial overlap (apart from the access road), nor obvious conflict of interest, I can see no reason that we cannot do our respective prospecting side-by-side and at the same time if necessary.

If you are in agreement could you please let me know as soon as possible so that I can proceed with the permit application and start raising funds for the project.

Yours sincerely,

Roger

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