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Dear Mr Halkett,

RE: EXTENSION OF TORMIN MINE, WEST COAST SOUTH AFRICA (MAY 2018): CASE 12519

Thank you for your letter regarding the above dated 9 July 2018, wherein you requested that SAHRA review its interim comment made on SAHRIS case ID 12519 on 28 May 2018.

From the contents of your letter, SAHRA notes that an Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) has already been carried out, and that underwater heritage impacts were assessed as part of the AIA. It must also be clarified that the Underwater Heritage Impact Assessment referred to in the interim comment issued on 28 May 2018 does not require additional physical surveys to be carried out. As per the comment, *“an in-depth survey of the affected area, paying particular attention to the coastal areas between the high and low water marks (i.e. the intertidal zone), indicating the significance of each heritage resource in the affected area, and making recommendations that seek to minimise negative impacts”* is required. The survey referred to is a desktop research survey.

SAHRA also notes that, as per your letter, the AIA appears at this stage to address impacts to underwater heritage and will be provided in the full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) which will be submitted to SAHRA for comment following the conclusion of consultation on the Scoping Report. The interim comment issued on 28 May 2018 therefore does not refer to an existing AIA as SAHRA was not aware that one had been carried out, and the requirement for a “Underwater Heritage Impact Assessment (UHIA)” in that comment may be satisfied by the existing AIA once it is submitted to SAHRA for comment with the full EIA.

We trust this clarifies the matter. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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