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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Gold One Africa Limited

Proposed underground gold mining operation Free State

The proposed project entails gold mining with surface infrastructure to be located on the RE of Vogels Rand 720; RE and Portions 1, 2 and 3 of Klippan 77; La Rochelle 760; Ptn 1 of Uitsig 723; and RE and Ptn 1 of Whites 747 between the towns of Hennenman and Ventersburg, Free State Province. Proposed invasive activities include traditional underground gold mining methods (drilling and blasting), access shaft and ventilation shaft, processing plant, waste rock dump, tailings storage facility, dewatering from the mine and associated infrastructure such as power lines, substation, access roads and water management infrastructure. The extent of the proposed surface infrastructure is approximately 250 ha.

A Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) was submitted with the application:

Coetzee, F. P. December 2011. Cultural Heritage Survey of the Proposed Gold Mine Operation by Gold One Africa Limited, Ventersburg Project, Lejweleputswa District Municipality, Free State.

The author identified a total of 5 individual grave sites (including cemeteries; Sites 1, 2, 4, 5) as well as a historical house dating to the 1910s (Site 3) and several outbuildings associated with the houses (Sites HC 1 & HC 2).

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit noted that the HIA is older than 5 years and requests a letter by the author to confirm that the 2011 HIA and recommendations therein is still valid.

According to the PalaeoSensitivity Map on SAHRIS, the proposed area is of moderate to very high palaeontological sensitivity. Therefore, a field based Palaeontological Impact Assessment must be conducted for the proposed footprint area by a qualified specialist and submitted to the application.

SAHRA APM Unit will further comment on the project when the above mentioned study and letter have been submitted to SAHRA.



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Yours faithfully

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Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.