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# **Interim Comment**

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

Attention: Mr Ndivhuwo Ratshikhopha Mashau Capital pty Itd

### APPLICATION FOR PROSPECTING RIGHT OF DIAMONDS ON THE FARMS WELTEVREDEN 130, BOSHOEK 466, WELVERDIEND 216, STERKFONTEIN 474, JONKERSKRAAL 475, KLEIN JONKERSKRAAL 551 SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF BOTHAVILLE IN FREE STATE PROVINCE.

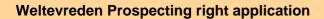
The proposed project entails the prospecting right of diamonds on the farms Weltevreden 130, Boshoek 466, Welverdiend 216, Sterkfontein 474, Jonkerskraal 475 and Klein Jonkerskraal 551, situated in the Magisterial District of Bothaville in the Free State Province. Proposed prospecting activities include diamond drilling and geophysical survey. In an interim comment on 21/11/2017 the The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requiested a full Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) inclusive of a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) to be conducted and submitted to the application.

# Katsetse, E.D. 2018. Heritage Impact Assessment for a Diamond Prospecting Right Application Viljoenskroon and Bothaville District, Free State Province.

The author identified out-of-context stone tool scatters and a graveyard with approximately 30 both marked and unmarked graves on farm Weltevreden 1. No heritage resources were found on farms Sterkfontein 474 and Sterkfontein 474 (Waterloo). The report does not cover the farms Boshoek 466, Klein Jonkerskraal 551, Jonkerskraal 466, Sterkfontein 474 and Welvediend 216 as access to other farms was denied by property owners due to harvesting season. The author notes that intangible heritage such as oral histories and traditions were not included.

Recommendations:

- Areas of prospecting on farm Weltevreden 1 should be revised to avoid identified graves.
- The graves and the graveyard should be fenced-off or a danger tape be used to mark-off such areas.
- If these cannot not be avoided a social consultative process with all stakeholders should be constituted to negotiate terms for the relocation of the grave and a permit be acquired from the South African Heritage



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Resources Agency. However, this should be the last resort after all possibilities are explored and exhausted.

### Interim comment

The SAHRA APM Unit has reviewed the HIA and noted that a desktop PIA as requested in the interim comment on 21/11/2017 was not included. The SAHRA APM Unit will issue a final comment on the application on submission of the desktop PIA. Please note that the EIA and and EMP must also be submitted to the application.

A separate comment must be obtained from Heritage Free State (Ms. Loudine Philip: <u>loudine.philip@nasmus.co.za</u>) for the farm buildings as well as the ruin illustrated in Figure 12a.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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### ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: http://www.sahra.org.za/node/409599 (DMR, Ref: FS 30/5/1/1/2/10477 PR)

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.