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## Letter

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

Attention: White Rivers Exploration (Pty) Ltd

**Western Allen Ridge Gold Mines (Pty) Ltd has applied for a Prospecting Right and Environmental Authorisation application. The application area is approximately 7 943.07 hectares in extent and is situated 14 kilometres north-northeast of Ventersburg in the Free State Province of South Africa. The minerals of interest for prospect include silver, gold, copper, iron, manganese, molybdenum, nickel, tungsten, zinc, diamond (alluvial), cobalt, coal, lead, platinum group metals, rare earths, sulphur and uranium. The proposed prospecting programme will be completed within five (5) years.**

The proposed project entails prospecting for silver, gold, copper, iron, manganese, molybdenum, nickel, tungsten, zinc, diamond (alluvial), cobalt, coal, lead, platinum group metals, rare earths, sulphur and uranium on 53 farm portions within the Kroonstad, Ventersburg And Hennenman Magisterial Districts, Free State Province. Invasive activities include drilling.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, No 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. This means that prior to development it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is done. Any heritage resources that may be impacted such as archaeological or palaeontological resources, built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed.

The PalaeoSensitivity Map on SAHRIS (<http://www.sahra.org.za/sahris/map/palaeo>) indicates moderate palaeontological sensitivity in the proposed area. Therefore the SAHRA APM Unit requires a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment, conducted by a professional palaeontologist, to be included in the HIA.

If the property is very small or disturbed and there is no significant site the heritage specialist may choose to send a letter to the heritage authority to indicate that there is no necessity for any further assessment.

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

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Yours faithfully

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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/488341>  
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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.