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Interim Comment

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

Attention: White Rivers Exploration (Pty) Ltd

White Rivers Exploration submitted a Prospecting Right and an Environmental Authorisation application to the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) Free State Regional Office. The application for the Prospecting Right was accepted by the DMR Free State Regional Office on the 25th June 2018. If the application is granted, White Rivers Exploration will be enabled to ascertain if economically viable mineral deposits exist within the application area. The minerals of interest include: gold, silver, coal, cobalt, copper, diamond (alluvial), iron, manganese, molybdenum, nickel, lead, platinum group metals, rare earths, sulphur, uranium, tungsten and zinc. The proposed prospecting programme will be completed within five (5) years.

Thank you for the BID regarding a prospecting right for gold, silver, coal, cobalt, copper, diamond (alluvial), iron, manganese, molybdenum, nickel, lead, platinum group metals, rare earths, sulphur, uranium, tungsten and zinc on 90 farm portions (18623.73 hectares) within the Vredefort Magisterial district, near parys, Free State Province. Proposed invasive activities will include vegetation clearing and trenching of two trenches (phase 4). The BID notes that a Basic Assessment Report (BAR), Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) will be submitted following the PPP.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requires a desktop Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) including desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) to be done for the proposed area, which will indicate areas that should be excluded from the planned vegetation clearing trenching. The HIA must form part of the BAR.

After the locations of trenches have been identified (after phase 3) and before trenching-related activities including vegetation clearing commences (before phase 4) a full field-based HIA and PIA must be conducted for the identified trenching and vegetation clearing locations by a professional archaeologist and



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palaeontologist and submitted to SAHRA for comment.

The BAR and EMPr must also be submitted to the application.

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/511577>

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.