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Letter

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

Attention: Seriti Coal (Pty) limited

SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTING PROCESS (S&EIR): APPLICATION FOR A MINING RIGHT FOR THE PROPOSED METSIMAHOLO UNDERGROUND COAL MINE FOR SERITI COAL (PTY) LTD NEAR DENEYSVILLE, FREE STATE PROVINCE

The application is for a mining right of an underground coal mine on various farms near the towns of Refenggotso and Deneysville within the Fezile Dabi District Municipality, Free State Province. Proposed invasive activities will further include the development of a balancing dam, a Pollution Control Dam (PCD) and a 150kl elevated tank storing polluted water, access roads and topsoil and overburden storage areas. A draft Scoping Report was submitted with the application, which notes that "a heritage study will be undertaken for this project, due to the heritage and cultural landforms known within the area".

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit endorses the recommendation that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) must be conducted and submitted to SAHRA and adds that the HIA must include a field-based Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) to be conducted by a professional specialist as large parts of the area fall within an area of very high palaeontological sensitivity.

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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Heritage Officer

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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/514380>
(DMR, Ref:)

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.