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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Acacia Resources

Draft BAR for The proposed Prospecting Right application without bulk sampling for the prospecting of Chrome ore (Cr): LG & MG Seams and Platinum Group Metals (PGM) on the 1) Remaining Extent of the farm Doornspruit 106, Registration Division:JQ, North West province.

Milnex CC has been appointed by Acacia Resources (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the prospecting rights application of Chrome ore (Cr): LG and MG Seams and Platinum Group Metals (PGM) on the remaining extent of the Farm Dornspruit 106 registration division JQ, North West Province.

A Basic Assessment Report has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, no 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The scope of work is for prospecting without bulk sampling on 2557.1677 Ha-200 boreholes (max. depth 70m) and 100 pits (10m x 4m x 2.5m).

Section L: EIA of the BAR covers cultural heritage: " the legislative context and responsibility of the developer protect heritage in the course of a development are acknowledged as well the range of cultural and/or heritage resources likely to be encountered during various phases of development and the sections of the National Heritage Resources Act (25 of 1999) applicable".

Interim Comment

The SAHRA APM Unit acknowledges receipt of the BAR application and request that the following is undertaken in terms of section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (25 of 1999) as part of the EA application process.

Prospecting has the potential to impact negatively on heritage and/or cultural resources, therefore a heritage impact assessment must be conducted. A field-based assessment of the impact to archaeological resources must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist. The report must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA and the SAHRA 2006 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Component of Impact

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Assessments, and the 2012 Minimum Standards: Archaeological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments. The Minimum Standards provides allowance for a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption that can be submitted by a qualified archaeologist should they deem it appropriate.

The prospecting area cuts through a section(s) of moderate palaeontological sensitivity to the east, a desktop assessment of the impact to palaeontological resources must be undertaken. The assessment must be conducted by a qualified palaeontologist. The report must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA and the SAHRA 2006 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Component of Impact Assessments, and the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments. The Minimum Standards provides allowance for a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption that can be submitted by a qualified palaeontologist should they deem it appropriate.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above. The applicant is advised to extend the EA process in terms of section 19(1)b of the NEMA EIA regulations in order to comply with this comment.

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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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.