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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: Scelimpilo Dube

Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited

Harmony Gold Mining Company (hereafter referred to as Harmony), has appointed Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd. (EIMS) as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to assist with compiling the necessary reports and undertaking the statutory consultation processes, in support of the proposed expansion of the Kalgold production operation - hereafter referred to as the proposed Kalgold Expansion Project. It is anticipated that several listed activities contained in the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA), National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) (NWA), the National Environmental Management Air Quality Act (Act 39 of 2004) and the National Environmental Management Waste Act (Act 59 of 2008) (NEMWA) will be triggered by the proposed Kalgold Expansion Project. In this regard the Kalgold Expansion Project requires Environmental Authorization, amendment of the Water Use License, an Air Emissions License for the new processing plant as well as an amendment of the approved Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) and Mine Works Programme (MWP) for Kalgold mine.

Environmental Impact Management Services (EIMS) (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Harmony Gold Mining Company to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed Kalgold operation production expansion project on the Remainder of Portion 1 and Portion 5 of the Farm Spanover 549, the Remaining Portion of the Farm Spanover 552, the Farm Ferndale 554, Portion 13 of the Farm Ferndale 551 and the Remaining extent of the Farm Goldridge 632, Ratlou Local Municipality, Ngaka Modiri District Municipality, North West Province.

A Scoping 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 includes prospecting without bulk sampling on 2557.1677 Ha for 200 boreholes (max. depth 70m) and 100 pits (10m x 4m x 2.5m).

EIMS (Pty) Ltd and PGS Heritage (Pty) Ltd have been appointed to provide heritage specialist input as part of the BAR process as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

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Fourie, W. 2021. Heritage Scoping Report for Inclusion in the Environmental Scoping Report for the Proposed Kakgold Expansion Project, North West Province.

There are known heritage resources in the large project area, therefore, the proposed expansion could impact negatively on these resources. It is therefore recommended that a field-based assessment of the footprint area related to the expansion is done to confirm the possible presence of heritage resources based on the findings develop appropriate mitigation measures.

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The SAHRA APM Unit acknowledges receipt of the draft Scoping Report 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.

SAHRA's APM Unit supports the recommendation of the specialist for a field-based assessment of the impact of the proposed expansion to archaeological resources 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 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 project footprint is located in an area of moderate palaeontological sensitivity. Therefore 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.

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Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above and the draft EIA with associated appendices.

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