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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Tau Pele Construction (Pty) Ltd

THE PROPOSED MINING PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE MINING OF GRAVEL (GRAV) INCLUDING ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, STRUCTURE AND EARTHWORKS ON PORTION 8 OF THE FARM BRANDWAGT 728, REGISTRATION DIVISION: IN, NORTH WEST PROVINCE

Milnex CC has been appointed by Tau Pele Construction (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) application process for the proposed mining of gravel including associated infrastructure, and earthworks on Portion 8 of the Farm Brandwagt 728, Registration Division, Naledi Local Municipality, Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District Municipality, North West Province.

A draft Basic Assessment Report (dBAR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, no 107 of 1998 (NEMA). The scope of work entails the mining of gravel including associated infrastructure, and earthworks.

Pages 53-54 of the dBAR and Screening report submitted note that the cultural sensitivity of the project area is low and that if and when heritage resources are uncovered during construction, activities in the vicinity of the finds will stop and a permit obtained with the relevant heritage authority.

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The SAHRA acknowledges receipt of the BAR and notes the statement contained therein with regards to heritage resources. The SAHRA requests that an HIA be undertaken in terms of section 38(3) of the NHRa (25 of 1999) as part of the EA process.

The proposed mining of gravel 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 Assessments, and the 2012 Minimum Standards: Archaeological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments. The Minimum Standards provides allowance for a Letter of Recommendation

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for Exemption that can be submitted by a qualified archaeologist should they deem it appropriate.

The proposed mining of gravel is in an area 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.

Any other heritage resources as defined in section 3 of the NHRA that may be impacted, such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, and graves of victims of conflict must also be assessed.

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

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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