

Letter

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

Attention: Mrs Anette Basson
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FS 30/5/1/1/2/10300 PR Baden-Baden: • THE REMAINING EXTENT AND PORTION 3 OF THE FARM BADEN-BADEN 1363, • THE FARM KINDERDAM 1685, • THE FARM EERSTE GELUK 1686, • THE REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM LYNFONTEIN 356

De Beers Consolidated Mines Limited applied for prospecting right on the remaining extent and portion 3 of the Farm Baden-Baden 1363, the Farm Kinderdam 1685, the Farm Eerste Geluk 1686, and the remaining extent of the Farm Lynfontein 356, near Boshof in the Free State Province. The land has been used for game and commercial farming, as well as residence for farm workers and their families with supporting infrastructure. The land will be returned to its current state of land use. Existing access roads will be used. The affected rock layers include shales and/or mudstones of the Eccca Group in the majority of the area, and shales, mudstones and calcrete of the Eccca Group with intruded dolerite in the north of the proposed area. Ages of farmhouses are unknown and graves may occur in their vicinity. Graves have been reported on the farm Lynfontein 356, and old farm buildings and archaeological excavations on portion 3 of the farm Baden-Baden 1363.

Thank you for submitting the Archaeological Impact Assessment to SAHRA.

Unfortunately, SAHRA cannot accept the submitted AIA in its current form as it does not sufficiently address the nature of the heritage sites (identification), including graves mentioned in the EMP that would be affected by prospecting by De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd, nor does it discuss their significance and how these would be impacted on in detail. Any other heritage resources that may be impacted such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed. Additionally, recommendations for mitigation measures should be included (as indicated in section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999).

A full **Heritage** Impact Assessment (HIA) must include the archaeological and palaeontological component (Phase 1), both to be done by respective specialists. Appropriate (Phase 2) mitigation, which involves recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed, must be recommended.

The PalaeoSensitivity Map on SAHRIS (<http://sahra.org.za/map/palaeo>) indicates the sensitivity to be moderate, and therefore, a desktop study is sufficient regarding the palaeontological heritage.

Prior to Phase 3 'Testing of targets and initial diamond testing' as described in the Environmental

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Management Plan attached to the case on SAHRIS, SAHRA requires a **full Heritage Impact Assessment** of the study area be done and submitted to SAHRA for comments. For example, there may need to be a mitigation phase (Phase 2) where the specialist will collect or excavate material and date the site. At the end of the process the heritage authority may give permission for destruction of the sites, or at least a letter of exemption may be given by SAHRA.

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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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/184827>
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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.



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