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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Mrs Anette Basson

De Beers Consolidated Mines - Kimberley Mines

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NW 30/5/1/1/2/_____ PR Coligny

De Beers Consolidated Mines Proprietary Limited plans to undertake prospecting activities on several farms in the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality, Northern Cape Province. A Basic Assessment Report has been submitted in support of an Environmental Authorization Application and Prospecting Right Application in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014 for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended). The prospecting right application area will cover 9243.0078 ha and the proposed prospecting activities will include four (4) prospecting borehole that will impact a total of 2.56 ha.

The BAR notes that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) will be conducted prior to the establishment of all prospecting boreholes.

The pending HIA must assess all types of heritage as defined in the National Heritage Resources Act, Act No 25 of 1999 (NHRA) which includes but is not limited to palaeontological and archaeological resources, built environment, burial grounds and graves, living heritage and cultural landscapes. The HIA must comply with

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section 38(3) of the NHRA and must be conducted by relevant qualified specialists. The HIA must be submitted to SAHRA before further comments can be issued. No prospecting activities may commence without comments from SAHRA.

An HIA with a field-based archaeological assessment has since been provided in terms of section 38(3) of the NHRA for a borehole on the Farm Kareeboschbult 76 IP Portion 1 and 2, Coligny, North West Province. It should be noted that comments made here relate only to the above mentioned Farm (Kareeboschbult 76 IP) and related Farm Portions.

Morris, D. 2021. Heritage Impact Assessment for proposed drilling site at Kareeboschbult 76 IP near Coligny, North West Province.

The submitted specialist report notes the possible impact(s) of the proposed operation on heritage resources (archaeological and cultural) excluding a palaeontological assessment. Field-notes and photographs are lodged with the McGregor Museum, Kimberley, Northern Cape.

Precise coordinates for one proposed drilling site was present and De Beers Exploration personnel took the author directly to the specific location in question. No archaeological artefacts or features were noted at or near the proposed drilling site. No colonial era or other cultural resources or features were in evidence. Archaeological significance was determined to be consistently low in terms of all the criteria by which they were measured. There is a potential for subsurface material, A Chance Find Procedure is recommended. No mitigation is necessary at the proposed drilling site.

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The proposed development is located within an area of moderate palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such, a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist. (See <https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html> for a list of qualified palaeontologists). The report must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components 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

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Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above.

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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