

## **Final Comment**

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

Attention: De Beers Consolidated Mines (Pty) Ltd  
PO Box 616  
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**De Beers intends to remove diamondiferous material from an old 'Floors' area which has been illegally mined (by third parties) over a period of time and poses a safety, health and security risk to the company. The diamondiferous material occurs within the remnants of kimberlite floors which were deposited over 100 years ago across approximately 70 ha. The area under consideration is located on a De Beers conservation area (Buffalo Camp) in Kimberley, Northern Cape.**

De Beers proposes to remove diamondiferous material from an old 'Floors' area that poses a safety, health and security risk to the company due to illegal mining, in the De Beers conservation area Buffalo Camp in Kimberley, Northern Cape Province.

A Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) was submitted with the application:

*Morris, D. May 2015. Heritage Impact Assessment for proposed clearing of 70 ha diamondiferous material from the Buffalo Camp on the north eastern side of Kimberley, Northern Cape.*

Due to previous high disturbance of the proposed area, very little heritage resources occur. Ruins at the periphery of the proposed area close to the railway line in the south western part of Buffalo Camp, shall be avoided.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections based on the following grounds: The area has been previously disturbed and the material proposed to be removed is a previous deposit (floors) as a result of mining over 100 years ago. Therefore, no palaeontological and no further archaeological studies are required.

The following conditions must be adhered to:

1. The ruins at the periphery of the proposed area close to the railway line in the south western part of Buffalo Camp, should be avoided.
2. Should any objects of archaeological or palaeontological remains be found during construction activities, work must immediately stop in that area and the Environmental Control Officer (ECO) must be informed.
3. The ECO must inform the South African Heritage Recourse Agency (SAHRA) and contact an archaeologist

**EMPR Addendum for the Clearing of Diamondiferous Material from Buffalo Camp**

**Our Ref: 8240**



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and/or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the find, to assess the importance and rescue them if necessary (with the relevant SAHRA permit). No work may be resumed in this area without the permission from the ECO and SAHRA.

4. If the newly discovered heritage resource is considered significant a Phase 2 assessment may be required. A permit from the responsible heritage authority will be needed.

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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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/321336>  
(DMR - NC, Ref: NC 30/5/1/2/2/142 MR)

**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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