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## Interim Comment

### In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Ms Nangamso Zizo Siwendu  
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### Exploration Right and Environmental Authorisation applications to explore for hydrocarbons and associated gas near Hennenman in the Free State Province, South Africa.

Motuoane Energy (Pty) Ltd submitted an application for an exploration right for hydrocarbons, in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act 28 of 2002 –MPRDA, as amended) to the Petroleum Agency South Africa (PASA) in 2016, covering various farms near the town of Hennenman, within the Free State Province, extending north from approximately Theunissen, north east towards Kroonstad, and east of Virginia and Hennenman over an area of approximately 149 377 ha. A heritage scoping level report was submitted with the application, which will be followed by a Heritage Impact Assessment.

*Birkholtz, P. June 2016. Proposed Motuoane Hennenman Exploration Right Heritage Study: Scoping Level Report.*

Findings identified in this desktop study include three areas associated with the South African war (1899-1902), at least 15 Stone Age sites, a large number of historic buildings and structures, 32 cemeteries and a large number of unmarked graves in homesteads.

### Interim comment

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit reviewed the Scoping Report and requires a full HIA for further assessment and mitigation recommendations to be conducted as indicated in the Scoping Report.

The PalaeoSensitivity Map on SAHRIS (<http://www.sahra.org.za/sahris/map/palaeo>) indicates moderate to

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very high palaeontological sensitivity in the proposed area. Therefore the SAHRA APM Unit requires a field-based Palaeontological Impact Assessment to be submitted to the application for prospecting sites once they have been identified.

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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Heritage Officer  
South African Heritage Resources Agency

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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/367397>  
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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.