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Letter

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

Attention: SLR Consulting (Africa)
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Cramerview, 2060, South Africa

Rhino Oil and Gas Exploration South Africa (Pty) Ltd has lodged an application for an exploration right with the Petroleum Agency South Africa (PASA) in terms of section 79 of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 28 of 2002 (MPRDA). Minerals included in the application are oil, gas, condensate, coal bed methane, helium and biogenic gas. The exploration area is broad and encompasses large parts of the north-eastern Free State and small parts of Gauteng and Mpumalanga.

Rhino Oil and Gas Exploration South Africa (Pty) Ltd has lodged an application to undertake early-phase petroleum exploration, focussing on identifying oil, gas, condensate, coal bed methane, helium and biogenic gas resources which may be located within suitable geological strata on various farms within the north-eastern region of the Free State and small parts of Gauteng and Mpumalanga. The Scoping Report states that "A desktop heritage study will be undertaken by a registered archaeologist / heritage consultant. Identified sites will be grouped according to significance. Where exploration activities may affect identified heritage sites of medium and high significance a management plan would be developed. Guidance on how to manage chance finds of heritage resources will also be detailed".

Although the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit noted that the public participation deadline ended on 16 October 2016, it stresses that a desktop study to assess heritage resources is not sufficient. A field-based, full Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is required, which should include archaeological, palaeontological and historical resources, burial grounds and graves, visual impacts, landscapes and intangible heritage as well as built structures older than 60 years.

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/367402>
(PETROSA, Ref: 12/3/294)

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.