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ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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REVIEW COMMENT ON

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- A. PROVINCE:** *NORTHERN CAPE*
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- D. DATE OF REPORT:** *October 2005, Received 15 December 2005*
- E. TITLE OF REPORT:** *Report on a Phase 1 Archaeological Assessment of proposed mining areas on the farms Ploegfontein, Klipbankfontein, Welgevonden, Leeuwfontein, Wolhaarkop and Kapsteveld, west of Postmasburg, Northern Cape*
- F. Please circle as relevant:** Archaeological component of EIA / **EMP** / HIA / CMP Other (Specify)
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REVIEW COMMENT ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT*Mr D Morris**August 2005, Received 12 January 2006*

Report on a Phase 1 Archaeological Assessment of proposed mining areas on the farms Ploegfontein, Klipbankfontein, Welgevonden, Leeuwfontein, Wolhaarkop and Kapstevel, west of Postmasburg, Northern Cape.

This report assesses the nature of the archaeological record on these farms and recommends that:

- Material from one of the small pans from Leeuwfontein (28° 22.687', 22° 59.851'), where Middle Stone Age artefacts occur, be sampled;
- phase 2 mitigation is undertaken at Wolhaarkop at the Later Stone Age site (28° 20.874', 22° 52.111') in the event that mining encroach upon it (as seems likely).

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorite unit supports these recommendations and mining may proceed.

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