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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Ms Elrina Cilliers

Finsch Diamond Mine (Pty) Ltd
Finsch Mine Office; Environmental Offices , Finsch Mine, Central
Avenue, Lime Acres, 8410, South Africa
Postal; P.O. Box 7, Lime Acres, 8410, South Africa

Prospecting of 14 730 ha area situated approximately 25km south-east of Reivilo. 3 Planned boreholes to be drilled on Farm 21 of the prospecting right area. Area is situated in the Northern West province

Finsch Diamond Mine (Pty) Ltd received approval of an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) on the 22/04/2015 in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act 28 of 2002 as amended) (MPRDA) for Prospecting Activities in respect of Diamonds on Vaalboschfontein No. 11, Remainder and Portions 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Farm No. 12, Remainder and Portion 1 of Farm 13, Farm 14, Farm No. 21 and Remainder and Portion 1 of Kook Fontein No. 31, Barkly West Magisterial District, Northern Cape Province.

No Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) was completed for the EMP, however it was noted that several "stone ruins" were identified on Farm 21. It was then recommended that an HIA be conducted prior to drilling activities. Sidney Miller was appointed to conduct an HIA for three drill points on Farm 21.

Miller, S. 2016. 1st Phase Heritage Impact Assessment for Finsch Diamond Mine (Pty) Ltd of a prospecting drill site on Farm 21 of prospecting area at Reivilo, North West Province.

It must be noted that the surveyed boreholes are located in the Northern Cape Province.

The submitted HIA is limited to three planned boreholes at this stage and the access road. The assumption is that there will be additional boreholes surveyed in future. No heritage resources were identified within the proposed drilling locations.

Recommendations provided include that limited widening of the access road may proceed if necessary.

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The proposed prospecting activities are located in areas of High to Very High Palaeontological Sensitivity. A field based Palaeontological Study must be completed for the project and submitted to SAHRA before further

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comments may be issued.

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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