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In terms of Section 38(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Tshikovha Environmental & Communication Consulting
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Application for Prospecting Activities for Diamonds, Gold Ore, Coal, Zink Ore, Lime Stone, Rare Earth Minerals, Dimension stone (general), Share/Slate (dimension stone), Heavy Minerals (general) and Iron Ore in respect of the Farm Taung 894 HN, situated in the Magisterial District of Vryburg Northwest Region.

Tshikovha Environmental and Communication Consulting were appointed to conduct a Basic Assessment for proposed prospecting activities on Farm Taung 894HN in Greater Taung Local Municipality, of the North-West Province. An Amended Final Basic Assessment Report (dBAR) has been completed in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014 for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA) (As Amended). Prospecting activities will include desktop studies, field mapping, geophysical survey, soil sampling, preliminary drilling and detailed drilling. The Environmental Authorisation for the proposed prospecting activities was granted in October 2016 (NW 30/5/1/1/3/2/1/11836 EM).

No Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) was conducted as part of the BAR.

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The National Heritage Site and World Heritage Site known as the Taung Fossil Site (Government Gazette No. 29352, 2006) is located within the proposed prospecting area. It is noted that the BAR has acknowledged the existence of the site and has stated that a 200 m buffer/ No-Go area will be adhered to around the site.

SAHRA does not accept the submitted BAR as no HIA was completed as per section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, No 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

SAHRA submitted a formal appeal on the 14 November 2016 against the proposed prospecting activities citing the failure to comply with the National Environmental Management Act, No 107 of 1998 (NEMA), and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted

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