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## Final Comment

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

Attention: EndemicVision Environmental Services

#### **Proposed construction of a 800m section of gravel road and associated infrastructure at the Black Mountain Decline on the Farm Zuurwater 62 , Khai-Ma Local Municipality, NC Province.**

EndemicVision Environmental Services has been appointed by Black Mountain Mining (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation Process for the proposed construction of an 800m section of gravel road and associated infrastructure at the Black Mountain Decline on the farm Zuurwater 62, Khai-Ma Local Municipality, Northern Cape Province.

Paleo Field Services were appointed to conduct the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) for the proposed prospecting expansion.

*Rossouw, L. 2016. Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment for the proposed construction of an 800m section of gravel road and associated infrastructure at the Black Mountain Decline on the Farm Zuurwater 62, Khai-Ma Local Municipality, NC Province.*

No heritage resources were identified as part of the HIA. A foot survey along nearby drainage lines indicate that impact on potential palaeontological heritage resources within the superficial sediments (overlying Quaternary sediments) is unlikely. No recommendations were provided in the report.

In an Interim Comment issued on the case on 23/02/2017, SAHRA requested that the Environmental Reports and the location of the development must be submitted to the case in order for an informed comment to be issued. Additionally, the HIA needed to be amended to include track logs of the area surveyed and ground level photographs.

#### **Final Comment**

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts the heritage specialist reports and the recommendations contained therein. The recommendations contained within the reports and the following conditions must be included in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr):

- If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous

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ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/John Gribble 021 462 5402) must be alerted. If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately. A professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA; and

- If the development receives an Environmental Authorisation (EA), SAHRA must be informed and all documents pertaining to the EA must be uploaded to the SAHRIS Case file.

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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#### 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.