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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(2) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

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The proposed Zandriviens Drift (ZRD) limestone open cast mining project will be located on the farm Zandriviens Drift 188, Toekoms 974, Klein Moorland 973 and farm Vogelstruispan 189, situated within the greater Assen area, North West Province. PPC Currently operates an opencast limestone mine and associated crushing plant facility under an existing mining right at the Beestekraal mine. The existing Beestekraal operation is located near the town of Assen (approximately 52 km north of Brits) constituting a small farming community. The study area is situated in the Madibeng Local Municipality and furthermore forms part of the Bojanala District Municipality (BDM) of the North West Province. The study area for the proposed ZRD mining operations, is situated approximately 1km south of Assen covering land situated adjacent to the Assen police station and a few buildings with no major commercial or business value. The study area is approximately 1800 ha in extent and the limestone mining will take place by means of an open cast mine. It is envisaged that the proposed ZRD mine will mine approximately 350,000 tonnes/annum of limestone, where the limestone will then be transported to the existing Beestekraal mine for further crushing

GIBB (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by PPC Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation Application in support of a Mining Right Application for the proposed Zandriviens Drift areas and associated infrastructure within the Madibeng Municipality, North West Province. A Draft Scoping Report has been submitted 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). The proposed mining activities will include open cast pits, overburden dumps, haul roads and access roads.

The Draft Scoping Report notes that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) will be conducted for the proposed project.

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The pending HIA must assess all types of heritage as defined in the National Heritage Resources Act, Act No 25 of 1999 (NHRA) which includes but is not limited to palaeontological and archaeological resources, built

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environment, burial grounds and graves, living heritage and cultural landscapes. The HIA must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA and must be conducted by relevant qualified specialists. The HIA must be submitted to SAHRA during the Public Review Period for the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The EIA and all appendices must be submitted with the HIA in order for an informed comment to 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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