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## Interim Comment

### In terms of Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Blue Bird Mining (Pty) Ltd

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**APPLICATION FOR A PROSPECTING PERMIT ON CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE FARMS DOORBULT 123, STROOMDRIFT 124, DORINGBULT 125, RONDEVLEI 126, RUSTKRAAL 129, HONINGKRANS 131, SYFERBULT 132, HEUNINGKRANS 137, KALKFONTEIN 346, RIETFONTEIN 348, ZOUTPAN 349, VERLATENKRAAL 352, VLAKKRAAL 353 AND VAALBANK 355, DISTRICT OF HO AND HP, NORTH WEST PROVINCE. REFERENCE: NW 30/5/1/1/2/12081 PR**

Lindie Wiehahn Consulting has been appointed by Blue Bird Mining (Pty) Ltd to conduct a Basic Assessment Process in support of an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for proposed a Prospecting Rights application on several farms 3 km east of Blomhof, 20 km north of Hoopstad and 38 km south of Wolmaranstad, Northern Cape Province. A Final Basic Assessment Report (BAR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the EIA Regulations 2014 for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended). A total area of 13 398.8579 ha will be subjected to prospecting activities which will include 149 boreholes via Reverse Circulation Percussion Drilling, ablution facilities, access roads and storage areas.

The BAR notes that the mining will not impact on heritage resources, however no Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) has been submitted as per section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

In an Interim Comment issued on 24 July 2017, SAHRA requested that an HIA that complies with section 38(3) of the NHRA must be conducted as part of the EA Application before SAHRA can provide further comments. The pending HIA must assess all types of heritage resources as defined in the NHRA and must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA.

*Rossouw, L. 2017. Heritage desktop study with regard to proposed exploration drilling within the Bloemhof Dam Nature Reserve, North West Province.*

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The author notes that the proposed development area is located within an area known for Stone Age tools, rock art sites, Khoikhoi settlements, Late Iron Age, historical stone-walled settlements and diamond diggings. Recommendations contained within the report included that a Phase 1 Heritage Assessment is included as a prerequisite for the proposed development.

#### Interim Comment

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot provide comments as section 38(3) of the NHRA have not been complied with. An HIA must be conducted as part of the EA Application before SAHRA can provide further comments. The pending HIA must assess all types of heritage resources as defined in the NHRA and must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above report.

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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