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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Cromex (Pty) Ltd

Proposed prospecting activities on on Portions 63, 64, 65, 69 and 111 of the farm Elandsdrift 467 JQ, Madibeng, North West Province.

Prism Environmental Management Services was appointed by Cromex (Pty) Ltd to conduct a Basic Assessment Process for a Prospecting Right Application for proposed prospecting activities on portions 63, 64, 65, 69 and 111 of the farm Elandsdrift 467JQ near Brits, North West Province. A 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 of 12 prospecting drill sites will occur as part of the prospecting activities. Other activities/infrastructure includes ablution facilities, a sampling storage area and an equipment storage area.

The BAR notes that it is unknown whether any heritage resources are located within the site. The BAR states that a heritage survey must be undertaken prior to implementation of prospecting activities and management measures must be included in the Environmental Management Programme (EMP).

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A Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) must be conducted as part of the Basic Assessment Process and Prospecting Right Application as per Appendix 1 of the NEMA EIA Regulations and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). 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. The approximate location of the proposed boreholes has been provided, and these locations and any access routes must be assessed in terms of impacts to heritage resources. 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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