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## **Interim Comment**

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

Attention: Veronica Dineo Ntsekeletsa

#### **Mining Permit application for the removal of Diamonds Alluvial & Diamonds General near Christiana on a certain portion of 4.9 hectares on the Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of the farm Christiana Town & Townlands 325, Registration Division: HO, North West Province.**

Milnex 189 CC has been appointed by Veronica Dineo Ntsekeletsa to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process for proposed a Mining Permit application on the Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of the farm Christina Town & Townlands 325, North West Province. A draft Basic Assessment Report (dBAR) 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 4.9 ha will be subjected to mining activities which will include 10 trenches every hectare. Temporary access roads may be established, diesel will be stored on site, and topsoil and gravel stockpiles will be present.

The dBAR 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 the 3 July 2017, SAHRA requested that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) that must assess all heritage resources as defined in the NHRA and must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA.

*Van Schalkwyk, J. 2017. Phase 1 Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment: Mining Permit Application for the removal of Diamonds Alluvial and Diamond General on a Certain Portion on the Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of the Farm Christiana Town & Townlands 325HO, Lekwa-Teemane Local Municipality, North West Province.*

No archaeological resources were identified as part of the submitted report. Recommendations provided in the report include that should archaeological sites or graves be exposed during construction work, it must immediately be reported to a heritage practitioner so that an investigation and evaluation of the finds can be made.

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As requested in the previous Interim Comment, all heritage resources as defined in the NHRA must be assessed. As such, SAHRA requests that a Palaeontological Desktop Assessment be conducted by a qualified palaeontologist for the proposed development as it is located within an area of moderate Palaeontological Sensitivity as per the PalaeoSensitivity map on SAHRIS. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above.

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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