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## Interim Comment

### In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mrs Anette Basson  
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### **NW 12173 PR Prospecting right application in the SCHWEIZER RENEKE, LICHTENBURG, WOLMARANSSTAD , DE LA REYVILLE , NORTH WEST PROVINCE NW 30/5/1/1/2/12012 PR**

De Beers Consolidated Mines Proprietary Limited plans to undertake prospecting activities on several properties in the Ngaka Modiri Molema District, Dr Kenneth Kaunda District and Dr Ruth Segomotsi District, Northern Cape Province. A Basic Assessment Report has been submitted in support of an Environmental Authorization Application and Prospecting Right Application 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 prospecting right application area will cover 5150.0749 ha and the proposed prospecting activities will include four (4) prospecting boreholes that will impact a total of 2.56 ha. It is noted that the location of the boreholes is not yet known.

The BAR notes that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) will be conducted prior to the establishment of all prospecting boreholes.

In an Interim Comment issued on the 13/10/2017, SAHRA stated that 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 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 before further comments can be issued. No prospecting activities may commence without comments from SAHRA.

After a telephonic conversation with Mr. Theophilus Rikhotso from De Beers RSA Exploration (Safety and Sustainable Development Coordinator) on the 21 February 2018, clarity was sought as to whether the prospecting activities referred to above include the non-invasive geo-physical surveys and desktop research or if SAHRA was referring to the invasive drilling and ground clearance activities.

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To provide clarity to the Competent Authority, the above prospecting activities noted above that require SAHRA comments before commencing refer to the invasive drilling and ground clearance activities, as these are the activities that will have a direct impact to possible heritage resources located within the proposed prospecting area.

Before these invasive prospecting activities commence, an HIA that complies with section 38(3) of the NHRA must be conducted by a suitably qualified heritage specialists and submitted to SAHRA for comment in terms of section 38(4) and 38(8) of the NHRA.

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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