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Interim Comment

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

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FINAL REHABILITATION, DECOMMISSIONING AND MINE CLOSURE PLAN INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL RISK ASSESSMENT, MINING RIGHT (GRANITE), CORE AREA 1: PORTION 1 FARM LOWER ZWART MODDER 79, REMAINDER AND PORTION 2 FARM UPPER ZWART MODDER 78, AND REMAINDER FARM OUP 80, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE: and REHABILITATION, DECOMMISSIONING AND MINE CLOSURE PLAN & ENVIRONMENTAL RISK ASSESSMENT: MINING RIGHT (GRANITE), CORE AREA 2. PORTIONS OF PORTION 1 AND 4 FARM NOUS WEST 76, PORTION OF REMAINDER OF FARM LOWER ZWART MODDER 79, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.

Thank you for notifying SAHRA of the pending Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) for the Mining and Prospecting Operations on Core area 1 (Portion 1 Farm Lower Zwart Modder 79, Remainder and Portion 2 Farm Upper Zwart Modder 78, and Remainder Farm Oup 80, Northern Cape Province) and Core area 2 (Portions Of Portion 1 and 4 Farm Nous West 76, Portion Of Remainder of Farm Lower Zwart Modder 79, Northern Cape Province). The proposed development includes the extension of mining areas and the establishment of new mining areas. SAHRIS Case ID 4310 has reference (<http://sahra.org.za/sahris/cases/nc-30511210232-mp>).

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, No 25 of 1999 (NHRA), the proposed development triggers section 38(8) as it forms part of a Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA 2017 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. As per section 38(8), an assessment of all heritage resources defined in section 3 of the NHRA and must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA must be completed as part of the EA application process. SAHRA notes the submitted background document stating that an integrated Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) will be completed.

A desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment must be undertaken to assess whether or not the development will impact upon palaeontological resources as the area is located within moderately sensitive geological formations (see www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za for qualified paleontologists).

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Any other heritage resources as defined in section 3 of the NHRA that may be impacted, such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed.

All issued EAs must be submitted to the application, along with all EIA reports and associated appendices in order for informed comments to be issued.

It must be stressed that separate EA Applications must be submitted to SAHRA via separate SAHRIS Applications. Please ensure that this is completed at the next phase of the project.

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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