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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: Black Mountain Mining (PTY) LTD

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### **APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF THE APPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME IN TERMS OF SECTION 102 OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT 28 OF 2002) ON PORTION 1 OF THE FARM GAMS 60, NAMAQUALAND, NORTHERN CAPE**

EndemicVision Environmental Services (Pty) Ltd have been appointed by Black Mountain Mining to conduct a Basic Assessment Process for proposed a Prospecting Right application for a proposed Amendment of Approved Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) of portion 1 of the far Gams 60, Namaqualand, Northern Cape. A draft Basic Assessment Report (dBAR) and EMP have 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). The proposed amendment to the approved EMP includes the expansion of the prospecting area to include a total of 148 drill sites, and access roads.

The dBAR notes that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) has been conducted for the Amendment; however no report has been submitted to the SAHRIS Case application. A desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment has been submitted to the case; however this study examined the development area adjacent to the current proposed development area for a mining operation.

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The SAHRA Archaeological, Palaeontological and Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot provide further comments without the HIA conducted for the development. Additionally, the submitted PIA does not assess the impact to palaeontological resources within the current proposed development area.

An HIA and PIA relevant to the proposed development must be uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application for comment. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above.

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Yours faithfully

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