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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: Pieter Gideon van Zyl
PGL Boerdery (Pty) Ltd

The proposed prospecting right application for the prospecting of diamonds alluvial and diamonds general on the Remaining Extent of Portion 23 of the farm Mimosa 61, Registration Division: HO, North West Province.

Milex 189 CC was appointed by PGL Boerdery (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process in support of an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for a Prospecting Right Application (PRA) for proposed prospecting activities on the Remaining Extent and Portion 23 of the farm Mimosa 61, Registration Division HO, North West Province. A Final Scoping Report has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended). The application area is 165.0814 ha and will include 50 3 m x 2 m x 2 m pits, and 25 20 m x 30 m x 1.55 m trenches. Supporting infrastructure will include a stockpile of topsoil and a processing plant.

It is noted that the Scoping Report states that it is not foreseen that the proposed activity will impact heritage resources, however an assessment of heritage resources as required as per section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) has not been submitted.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that an assessment of heritage resources be conducted as part of the EIA phase of the project as required by section 38(8) of the NHRA. The assessment must assess all heritage resources as defined in section 3(2) of the NHRA and must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA, the 2006 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports, and the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessment Reports. A desktop Palaeontological Assessment must be conducted as the proposed prospecting is located within an area of moderate palaeontological sensitivity. The draft EIA and all appendices must be submitted along with the above reports so that an informed comment may be issued.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above.



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Yours faithfully

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