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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 Caroline Mashudu Mulaudzi
SAMIN Group Pty Ltd
Erf 116, Mphaphuli, Sibasa, Makwarela, 0970

Proposed Prospecting Right Application with bulk sampling on unsurveyed state owned land 440MT & 442MT, area of Gumbu/Masisi, Musina Local Municipality, Vhembe District Municipality, Limpopo Province.

Thank you for notifying SAHRA of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) and Prospecting Right Application on unsurveyed state owned land 440 MT and 442 MT, Magisterial District of Musina, Limpopo Province.

As the proposed development is undergoing an EA Application process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, No 107 of 1998 (NEMA), NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, No 28 of 2002 (MPRDA) (As amended), it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a **Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA)** is done as per section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). This must include an archaeological component, palaeontological component and any other applicable heritage components. The HIA must be conducted **as part of the** EA Application in terms of NEMA and the NEMA EIA Regulations.

It is noted that the draft Scoping Report states that an HIA will be compiled during the EIA phase of the process.

The quickest process to follow for the archaeological component would be to contract a specialist (see www.asapa.org.za or www.aphp.org.za to provide an Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA). The AIA must comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Component of Impact Assessments.

A Palaeontological Impact Assessment inclusive of a field assessment must be undertaken to assess whether or not the development will impact upon palaeontological resources as the area is located within unknown, low, moderate and very high palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map (see www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za for qualified paleontologists). The PIA must comply with the SAHRA 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments.

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Any other heritage resources as defined in section 3 of the NHRA that may be impacted, such as maritime archaeology, 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.

The draft EIA report with all appendices must be submitted to SAHRA at the start of the Public Review period so that SAHRA comments may be incorporated as part of the Final reports.

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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