

**Application for Prospecting Right on a Portion of Portion 9 of the farm
Panfontein 270 HO, district of Bloemhof.**

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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: Rotizone (Pty) Ltd

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Thank you for notifying SAHRA of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) and Prospecting Right Application on a Portion of Portion 9 of the farm Panfontein 270 HO, district of Bloemhof, North West 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 on page 18 of the Scoping Report, that a graveyard is located within the development area. Information on page 29 and 37 of the Scoping Report note that no impacts to heritage resources are expected.

SAHRA does not accept the section in the Scoping Report regarding heritage resources as it does not comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA. An assessment of heritage resources must be conducted as per section 38(8) of the NHRA, which must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA.

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 Desktop Assessment must be undertaken to assess whether or not the development will impact upon palaeontological resources as the area is located within moderate to highly sensitive geological formations (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 Final Scoping Report with all appendices, Draft EIA report with all appendices must be submitted to SAHRA at the start of the Public Review period of the draft EIA so that SAHRA comments may be incorporated as part of the Final EIA report.

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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