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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: Bêrend van Deventer  
Goldipro (Pty) Ltd

**Goldipro (Pty) Ltd has applied for a Prospecting Right over Portions 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Farm Hedley Plains A 64, Prieska District, Northern Cape Province. The prospecting activities will be conducted in phases over a 5 year period and will include percussion drilling, core drilling and trenching.**

G & A Heritage was appointed by Goldipro (Pty) Ltd to undertake a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) for proposed Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application and Prospecting Rights Application on portion 3 of the farm Hedley Plains A 64 Portions 2-5, near Copperton in the Prieska District, Northern Cape Province. The HIA has been conducted as per section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) as part of the EA Application process 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). During Phase 5, 7 & 9, drill samples will be collected in one meter intervals. During phase 4, forty boreholes are planned, twenty boreholes are planned for phase 6, and ten trenches (2 m x 1 m x 15 m) are planned for phase 8.

*Gaigher, S. 2018. Heritage Impact Assessment Scoping Report for the Prospecting Rights Application Boreholes and Trenches: Hedley Plains A 64 Portion 2 – 5 near Copperton in the Northern Cape Province.*

The HIA references Palaeontological reports written in 2011 and 2015, noting that the area is underlain by Precambrian igneous and metamorphic rocks that do not contain fossils. The overlying glacially related sediments of the Dwyka Group are sparsely fossiliferous with occasional stromatolites.

Each borehole and trench were surveyed and a total of 4 heritage sites containing high density surface scatters of Stone Age lithics, one possible grave site, and one historical homestead and outbuildings. None of the identified heritage sites will be directly impacted by the proposed prospecting activities.

Recommendations provided in the report include the following:

- Chance Finds Protocols must be developed for any unmarked burial sites that may be encountered during the course of the development;
- Should the area be designated for mining rights application, a full heritage impact assessment process

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of the whole property needs to be undertaken.

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SAHRA requests that a Palaeontological Desktop Assessment be conducted by a qualified palaeontologist for the proposed development as it is located within an area of high and moderate Palaeontological Sensitivity as per the PalaeoSensitivity map on SAHRIS. Additionally, the EIA documents and their respective appendices must be uploaded to the case so that an informed comment can be issued.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above.

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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South African Heritage Resources Agency

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