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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: Concor Infrastructure

Opening of Ek Kraal quarry, Northern Cape Province

Chameleon Environmental had been appointed by Concor Infrastructure to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) and Mining Permit Application on portion 1 of the farm Ek Kraal No 199 RD, Northern Cape Province. A Basic Assessment Report (BAR) had been submitted 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).

A final BAR had been submitted, however no Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) has been submitted.

In a Final Comment issued on the 25/05/2018, SAHRA did not endorse the application as no HIA had been conducted as per section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). SAHRA then advised the Department of Environmental Affairs and the Department of Mineral Resources to **reject** the application for a Mining Permit on portion 1 of the farm Ek Kraal No 199RD, Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/3/2/10667MP). The case was then Closed (Refused) on SAHRIS.

Since then, a HIA has been submitted to the case for SAHRA comment.

Van Schalkwyk, J. 2018. Phase 1 Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment: The Planned Development of a Borrow Pit on the Farm Ek Kraal 199 in the Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality of Northern Cape Province.

No heritage resources were identified within the proposed development area.

Recommendations provided in the report include that should archaeological sites or graves be exposed in other areas during construction work, it must immediately be reported to a heritage practitioner so that an investigation and evaluation of the finds can be made.

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A limitation of the HIA, as noted in section 1.2.2 of the report, stated that the palaeontological potential of the

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site had not been assessed. It must be noted that the proposed quarry is located within an area of very high palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map, and an assessment of the impact of the proposed development to palaeontological resources is required.

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that an assessment of the impact to palaeontological resources must be conducted by a qualified palaeontologist. The report must comply with 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments.

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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