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Final Comment

In terms of Section 38(3), 38(4), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Sishen Iron Ore Company (Pty) Ltd - Sishen Mine

Sishen Iron Ore Company (Pty) Ltd upgrading the existing DMS processing plant at Sishen Mine, Kathu in the Northern Cape.

EXM Advisory Services has been appointed by Sishen Iron Ore Company (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation Application for the proposed upgrading of the existing DMS Plant at Sishen Mine near Kathu, Northern Cape.

A Final Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) have been submitted to SAHRA in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the EIA Regulations as part of a section 102 application in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended). The upgrade will include modifications to some components of mine infrastructure and include additional conveyors. The entire development is located within a highly disturbed mining area.

The EIA notes that no heritage resources will be impacted by the development, however no assessment of heritage resources has been submitted as per section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). The SAHRA 2006 SAHRA 2006 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Component of Impact Assessments and SAHRA 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments makes reference to a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption that is to be submitted if there is no likelihood that heritage sites will be impacted. No such letter has been submitted as part of the EA application.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot endorse this proposed development as no assessment of heritage resources conducted by a professional heritage consultant with the relevant qualifications and expertise, that complies with section 38(3) of the NHRA has been submitted as part of the EA application.

As per section 38(8) of the NHRA, SAHRA therefore advises the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) and the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) to reject the application to upgrade existing DMS processing

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plant at Sishen Mine, Kathu in the Northern Cape (NC 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/ (259) MR).

This comment must be forwarded directly to the competent authorities and proof of the submission and receipt thereof must be provided to SAHRA.

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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