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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: Tshipi é Ntle Manganese Mining (Pty) Ltd

331 Mamatwan Farm

Kathu

Northern Cape

Tshipi Borwa Waste Rock Dump expansion project on the farms Mamatwan 331 and Moab 700 in the John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality and Joe Morolong Local Municipality of the Northern Cape Province

Thank you for notifying SAHRA of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the proposed Tshipi Borwa Waste Rock Dump Extension Project, near Hotazel, Northern Cape Province.

As the proposed development is undergoing an EA Application process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 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.

A draft Scoping Report has been submitted and the report states that the HIA will be done as part of the EIA phase of the EA applications. We await the draft EIA phase and HIA.

The quickest process to follow for the archaeological component of the HIA, 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. Should the project be highly disturbed, the archaeologist may draft a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption for further studies to be completed.

The proposed expansion area is located within an area of moderate sensitivity in terms of palaeontological resources. An assessment of the impact of the development on palaeontological resources is required to be completed by a qualified palaeontologist. The report must comply with the SAHRA 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments (see www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za for

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qualified paleontologists). Should the project be highly disturbed, the palaeontologist may draft a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption for further studies to be completed.

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, Draft EIA and appendices must be submitted to the SAHRIS Case application so that an informed comment can be issued.

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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