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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: Miss Sarah Wanless
Sitatunga Resources

Prospecting Right Application - Non-invasive and invasive prospecting (drilling)

Thank you for notifying SAHRA of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) and Prospecting Right Application on remaining extent and portion 1 and 2 of farm Rozynbosch 41, remaining extent and portion 1 of the farm Wortel 42 near Aggeneys, 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 Basic Assessment Report (BAR) has been submitted and the report states that the impact to heritage resources will be low. However, no assessment of heritage resources has been completed as per section 38(8) and 38(3) of the NHRA. Preliminary positions for 20 boreholes have been provided in the BAR, with the need for associated infrastructure such as site office and hydrocarbon storage.

Please submit a HIA as soon as possible that must include an archaeological and palaeontological component.

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.

The proposed prospecting area is located within an area of low to 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 palaeontologists. The report must comply with the SAHRA 2012



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Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments (see www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za for qualified paleontologists).

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.

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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