



Final Comment

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

Attention: Mr DJ Janse van Rensburg

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CONSULTATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 40 OF MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT 2002, (ACT 28 OF 2002) IN RESPECT OF DIAMONDS FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR A MINING PERMIT ON THE REMAINDER OF PORTION OF THE FARM RIET PUTS NO.15, SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF WARRENTON, NORTHERN CAPE REGION.

Thank you for your indication that development is to take place in this area.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years and structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority.

In terms of Section 38(8) of the NHRA, before any development proposed in terms of the MPRDA (2002) is approved, it is incumbent on the developer (or mine) to ensure that any potential impacts to heritage resources are assessed to the satisfaction of the relevant heritage authority. Appropriate mitigation, which involves recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed, may be required depending on the nature and significance of the resources identified.

The EMP submitted to SAHRA for assessment indicates that the application area is an old waste rock dump that was previously mined. The application under review is for the reworking of the waste rock existing on the dump. No excavation or permanent construction will occur. Therefore it is unlikely that impacts to significant heritage resources will occur from the proposed mining.

Consequently, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology & Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objection to the proposed mining on the condition that if any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, marine shell and charcoal/ash concentrations), unmarked human burials, fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA APM Unit (Jenna Lavin/Colette Scheermeyer 021 462 4502) must be alerted immediately, and a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage





resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.

This exemption is only valid for the mining permit applied for in this submission, namely the reworking of the waste rock existing on the dump.

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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ADMIN:

(DMR, Ref: NC 30/5/1/3/2/10058 EM)

Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.

