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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: Tekplan Environmental

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This project will consist of an individual mast. The mast site will consist of the following components: * A site measuring approximately 10m x 10m in extent. * A lattice mast measuring approximately 40 meters in height. * A container housing electronic equipment surrounded by a steel palisade fence. The site is located on Portion 10 of the farm Leeuwenkloof 480 JQ in the North West Province.

Thank you for notifying SAHRA of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the proposed Vodacom Mast on Portion 10 of the farm Leeuwenkloof 480 JQ in the North West 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.

The quickest process to follow for the archaeological component would be to contract a specialist (see <u>www.asapa.org.za</u> or <u>www.aphp.org.za</u> 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 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 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments (see <u>www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za</u> for qualified paleontologists).

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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 viewscapes 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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