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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: Rooipoort Developments (Pty) Ltd

Notice of the application for an integrated Water Use Licence and Environmental Authorisation for the diamond mining operation on a portion of the farm Zand Plaats 102, remainder of the farm Vogelstruispan 101, remainder of the farm Vogelstruispan 98, remainder of the farm Klipfontein 99 and remainder of Bergplaats 100, Kimberley district, Northern Cape.

Turn 180 Environmental Consultants have been appointed by Rooipoort Developments to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application and Mining Right (MR) Application for proposed mining activities on the farm Zand Plaats 102, remainder of the farm Vogelstruispan 101, remainder of the farm Vogelstruispan 98, remainder of the farm Klipfontein 99 and remainder of Bergplaats 100, Kimberley district, Northern Cape (NC30/5/1/2/5/2/147MR).

A draft Scoping Report (DSR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, no 107 of 1998 (NEMA), NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 28 of 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended). The proposed mining activities over an extent of 20 721 ha and associated activities include stripping of topsoils and overburden and stockpiling it separately, excavation of gravel from open voids/pits, separation of gravel, and temporary diversion channels within the Vaal River.

The DSR notes that a 2005 Heritage Study was conducted that identified several heritage resources within the proposed development area. The DSR notes that the 2005 Heritage Study was limited and that a specialist will be appointed to cover the entire application area as part of the EIA phase.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes the pending Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) and requests that the HIA be completed as per section 38(3) and 38(8) of National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). The HIA must be inclusive of archaeological and palaeontological components.

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The quickest process to follow for the archaeological component would be to contract a qualified archaeologist (see www.asapa.co.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.

A Palaeontological Impact Assessment is required as the proposed development footprint is located within a high and moderate sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map (a list of qualified palaeontologists can be found at <https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html>). The PIA must comply with the SAHRA 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments.

Any other heritage resources as defined in section 3 of the NHRA that may be impacted, such as 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 draft EIA and appendices must be submitted to SAHRA via the SAHRIS application at the beginning of the Public Review so that an informed comment may 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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