Application for prospecting permit to mine red soil northern cape

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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: Hilary Ethan Ferris

The permit will be used to remove top soil (red sand) from the designated area.

Thank you for notifying SAHRA of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) and Prospecting Right Application on a piece of the remainder of the farm Vooruitzigt 81, near Kimberley, 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.

The response by the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) dated the 08/08/2018 is noted where the DMR requests that a HIA that considers impacts to archaeological and palaeontological heritage resources be conducted.

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 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 (a list of qualified paleontologists is available upon request from our office while the Palaeontological Society of South Africa website is being restored).

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,

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burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewscapes must also be assessed.

The Basic Assessment Report and all appendices must be submitted to the SAHRIS Case application in order for an informed comment to 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

Natasha Higgitt Heritage Officer

South African Heritage Resources Agency

Phillip Hine

Acting Manager: Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit

South African Heritage Resources Agency

ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: http://www.sahra.org.za/node/511435

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Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for

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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.