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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: Autumn Skies Trading 689

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Bulk Sampling Program for Alluvial Diamonds

BNL Nnake Trading has been appointed by Autumn Skies Trading 689 to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application process and Prospecting Right Application for prospecting activities on farms Hounslow 323 and Koegas 324 in the Magisterial District of Hay, Northern Cape.

A Scoping Report 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), has been submitted.

It is noted that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) conducted for the farms on the opposite side of the river have been submitted as part of this application. Several heritage resources including a grave was identified as part of that assessment. No assessment of the impact to palaeontological resources was submitted as part of this application.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that an application specific HIA be conducted for the proposed prospecting activities on farms Hounslow 323 and Koegas 324 as part of the EIA phase of the application in terms of section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). The HIA must include an assessment of archaeological and palaeontological resources.

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

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Assessments.

The proposed prospecting area is located within an area of moderate and very high sensitivity in terms of palaeontological resources as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. An assessment of the impact of the development on palaeontological resources is required to be completed by a qualified palaeontologist. The report must comply with the SAHRA 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments (a list of qualified palaeontologists can be supplied upon request).

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.

The location of the development must be mapped on the GIS layer of the SAHRIS application in order for an informed comment to be issued.

Further comments will be issue upon receipt of the above.

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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