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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: Mr Berend van Deventer
Alidabix (Pty) Ltd

Alidabix (Pty) Ltd has applied for a Prospecting Right to prospect for Copper, Zinc, Gold, Silver, Diamonds General, Diamonds Alluvial, Diamond in Kimberlite, Molybdenum, Nickel and Platinum Group Metals over Portion 3 (a portion of Portion 1 - Stomp Oor A) of the Farm Stomp Oor 109, Prieska District, Northern Cape Province.

M and S Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Alidabix (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for a Prospecting Right Application for prospecting activities on Portion 3 (a portion of Portion 1 - Stomp Oor A) of the Farm Stomp Oor 109, Prieska District, Northern Cape Province. A Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) has been submitted 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). The proposed activities include 25 percussion boreholes and 15 core boreholes with a 10m² disturbance around each hole, and access tracks. Final borehole locations will only be finalised after initial non-invasive studies are completed.

G & A Heritage has been appointed to provide a heritage assessment as per section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) as part of the BAR.

Gaigher, S. 2018. Desktop Heritage Impact Assessment Report for the Prospecting Right Application: On the Farm Stompoor 109 near Prieska in the Northern Cape Province.

Several significant palaeontological resources have previously been identified on the farm Stompoor which include fossiliferous sediments accumulations of a Late Cretaceous crater lake with fossils of fish, frogs, bivalve, gastropod and ostracode shells, leaf impressions, insect wings and possible bird bones. The surrounding area is also known to contain Stone Age lithics, rock engravings sites, possible Tswana Iron Age sites, Boer War sites and war graves, and historical structures.

Recommendations provided in the report include the following:

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- Once the specific borehole sites have been determined, they must be subjected to a surface investigation to determine if any sites of heritage significance will be affected;
- Due to the high palaeontological value of the area, it is suggested that a palaeontological study lead the placement of the boreholes to minimize their impact.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that a desktop Palaeontological Assessment be conducted as part of the BAR and EA Application due to the presence of significant palaeontological resources within the development area. The desktop assessment must be conducted by a qualified palaeontologist and must comply with the 2012 SAHRA Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above.

As the BAR has been finalised, this comment must be forwarded directly to the competent authority for their consideration and noting as part of the EA application process. Proof of the delivery and receipt thereof must be provided to SAHRA. It must be noted that SAHRA has not provided a Final Comment on this application as of yet.

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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