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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: NDI GEOLOGICAL CONSULTANT SERVICES

**A total of 20 drill holes will be drilled of which 15 will be RC and five will be diamond drills. The maximum depth of the drill holes will be 50 m. A total of 750m will be drilled by RC method.**

Ndi Geological Consulting Services (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Rednax Investment (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application and Prospecting Right Application for proposed prospecting activities on the farm Steinkopf 22, near Steinkopf, Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/1/2/12091 PR).

A Final Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) have 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). It must be noted that SAHRA was not included in the Scoping phase of the S&EIA process or the draft EIA commenting period. The proposed prospecting will include 20 drill holes, 3 sampling trenches (30 m x 20 m x 20 m), a residue deposit area, storage of hazardous and general waste, fencing, access and mine roads, temporary camp site, topsoil and stockpiles, office site and parking.

Millennium Heritage Group (Pty) Ltd were appointed to provide heritage input into the S&EIA as per section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

*Eric, M. N. 2018. Archaeological Impact Assessment relating to the proposed sand granite rock prospecting rights on farm Steinkopf 22 within the Namakwa District of the Northern Cape Province, South Africa.*

A historical homestead including stone rondaval houses, dilapidated stone structures and livestock dipping tank were identified within the proposed prospecting rights area.

Recommendations provided in the report include the following:

- It is strongly recommended that the planning of sites proposed for development activities including the design and siting of access routes must where possible avoid this site and left protected in situ as per requirements of the National Heritage Resources Act (25) of 1999.

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- Should chance finds be recovered in the process of sand mining activities, work must be stopped immediately. A report must be made to the nearest heritage authority. Based on this assessment we recommend to the Provincial Heritage Resource Agency or South African Heritage Resource Agency to approve the project as planned.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that the tracklog of the area surveyed be submitted to the case. Additionally, a significance assessment of the identified heritage and impact assessment of the heritage must be conducted.

No further assessment of palaeontological resources is required as the proposed prospecting footprint is located in an area of low palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map.

As the EIA has been finalised, SAHRA advises the applicant to apply for an extension of the EIA phase in terms of section 23(1)b of the NEMA EIA regulations in order to complete the outstanding requirements of the HIA as part of the EA application to be submitted to the Competent Authority. This comment must be forwarded directly to the competent authority and proof of the delivery and receipt thereof must be provided to SAHRA.

Further comments will be issued 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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