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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: Assmang (Pty) Ltd

DRAFT Environmental Scoping Report for in terms of Nation Environmental Management Act, 1998 for: Project 1: New Return Water Dam 3. Project 2: New Infrastructure (New Water Containment Facility and Pipelines Project 3: Water Use License (WUL) amendment

Thank you for notifying SAHRA of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) and Water Use License Amendment for the Khumani Iron Ore Mine, near Kathu, 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, 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 quickest process to follow for the archaeological component would be to contract a qualified archaeologist (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 Minimum Standards refer to a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption that the contracted specialist may submit, should they deem that the proposed development will not impact any heritage resources.

The proposed development area is located within an area of moderate and high sensitivity in terms of palaeontological resources as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. A desktop Palaeontological Assessment is therefore required. The report must comply with the SAHRA 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessment. A list of qualified palaeontologists can be supplied upon request. The Minimum Standards refer to a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption that the contracted specialist may submit, should they deem that the proposed development will not impact any heritage resources.

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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.

It is noted that the Scoping Report has been submitted. The draft EIA and appendices must be submitted at the start of the public review process so that an informed comment can 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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