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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**

EnviroGistics has been appointed by Assmang (Pty) Ltd: Khumani Iron Ore Mine to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for proposed projects within the Khumani Iron Ore Mine, near Kathu, Northern Cape Province.

A draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, no 107 of 1998 (NEMA), NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed projects include a new Return Water Dam (RWD) 3 and King Water Containment Facility, Pipelines project and an amendment to the Water Use Licence (WUL).

Two Heritage Impact Assessments (HIA) have been submitted as part of the EA application in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

*Morris, D. 2005. Report on a Phase 1 Archaeological Assessment of proposed mining areas on the farms Bruce, King, Mokaning and Parson, between Postmasburg and Kathu, Northern Cape.*

A total of four cemeteries, surfaces scatters of Stone Age artefacts, one high density surface scatter of Stone Age lithics and Later Iron Age potsherds were identified within the surveyed footprint. Recommendations in the report include surface collection of specific Stone Age and Iron Age occurrences, long-term management of heritage resources that are to remain *in-situ* and a monitoring procedure be implemented.

*Van der Walt, J. 2017. Heritage Impact Assessment for the proposed Khumani Iron Ore Project, Sishen, Northern Cape.*

No heritage resources were identified within the proposed project area surveyed as part of the HIA. These areas include a proposed new Sorter Plant and two new silos/magazines. A chance finds procedure was

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recommended.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot accept the HIA reports submitted to the application as the reports do not address the current activities under application. An application and site specific HIA that complies with section 38(3) of the NHRA must be submitted as part of the EA application.

SAHRA advises the application to apply for an extension of the EA process in terms of section 23(1)b of the NEMA regulations in order to address this comment.

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