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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: Annesley Salt (Pty) Ltd

Annesley Salt (Pty) Ltd (“The applicant”) has applied for a Mining Right on Annesley no. 338, Gordonia, Northern Cape Province to mine for salt. Annesley Salt (Pty) Ltd (“The applicant”) will also lodge an application for a Water Use Licence for the mining activities on Annesley no. 338, Gordonia. The proposed salt mine is situated on a portion of the farm known as the Remainder of the Farm Annesley no. 338, which is located approximately 120 km north of Upington, and approximately 35 km southwest of Noenieput, in the Northern Cape Province.

Wadala Mining and Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Annesley Salt (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) and Mining Right (MR) Application on Annesley no. 338, Gordonia, Northern Cape Province (NC30/5/1/1/3/2/1/10141MR).

A Background Information Document (BID), Scoping report and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)/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 mining activities include the construction of 10 salt evaporation dams, three borehole pumps, housing units, workshop, washbay area, diesel depot and generator site.

Ubique Heritage Consultants have been appointed to provide heritage specialist input as per section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA.

Engelbrecht, J and Fivaz, H. 2018. Phase 1 HIA report Bloupan, Remainder of the Farm Annesley no. 338, Northern Cape.

A total of ten surface occurrences of Stone Age lithics were identified within the proposed salt mining area, all of which were rated as sites of low significance. The report notes that the development is underlain by the Dwyka Group which are of low palaeontological sensitivity. A Chance Finds Procedure and Fossil Finds Procedure is recommended to be followed.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot accept the assessment of palaeontological resources provided in the HIA as it does not comply with the SAHRA 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments.

A qualified palaeontologist must be appointed to provide an assessment of the impact of the proposed development on palaeontological resources.

The applicant is advised to extend the EIA process in terms of section 23(1)b of the NEMA regulations in order to comply with this comment. 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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