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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: Mrs Palesa Mulaudzi

178 SAFFRON GARDENS, 22 BOTHMA STREET, HONEYDEW

Mining Permit Application on a portion of Longlands 350. The commodity of interest is diamonds and diamond general. The Heritage Impact Assessment has been conducted already. The applicant awaits comments from different government departments and SAHRA.

Thaya Trading Enterprise has been appointed by an unknown applicant to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) and Mining Permit (MP) application for proposed mining activities on a portion of the farm Longlands 350, Longlands, Northern Cape Province. The application is being undertaken 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, No 28 of 2002 (MPRDA) (As amended). The proposed mining activities will cover 5 ha. No further information regarding the mining activities has been submitted to SAHRA.

Archaeological and Heritage Services Africa (Pty) Ltd and Professor Marion Bamford were appointed to provide the heritage specialist component as part of the EA application in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Matenga, E. 2018. Phase I Heritage Impact Assessment (Including Palaeontological Assessment) Requested in Terms of Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act No 25/1999 for Mining Permit and Related Infrastructural Activities on a piece of the farm Longlands 350 situated in the Magisterial District of Barkly West, Northern Cape Province.

A total of one heritage resource (one Stone Age lithic) was identified as part of the HIA. Five rectangular foundations were identified within the proposed development area; however, they possibly date to recent times and are not protected by the NHRA. No recommendations were provided.

Bamford, M. 2018. Palaeontological Impact Assessment for the proposed mining right on a portion of the farm Longlands 350, Barkly West, Northern Cape Province.

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The proposed development area is located underlain by the Allanridge Formation that do not contain fossil material. However, the alluvial diamond mining activities are targeting the Quaternary sands that may contain rare occurrences of fossils within the fluvial channels. It is recommended that a Chance Finds Protocol be added to the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that the EIA documents with associated appendices be uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application so that an informed decision can be issued. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of these documents.

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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