## **Prospecting Right Application on Portion 1 of Schmidtsdrift 248**

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## **Final Comment**

In terms of Section of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mr Peter Mandla Maphanga

An application for prospecting on portion 1 of Schmidtsdrift 248 was lodged with the DMR. The commodity of interest are diamonds and diamonds general. Heritage Impact Assessment was conducted, including Palaeontological Impact Assessment. No activities have commenced on the application area yet.

The positive environmental authorisation for the prospecting right (NC30/5/1/1/2/12076PR EM) on farm Schmidtsdrift 248 portion 1 was maintained on the 25/10/2019 following an appeal process where SAHRA was the main appellant (Please see previously issued comments for more details).

Since SAHRA was notified of the positive environmental authorisation, a Heritage Management Plan (HMP) for identified in-situ heritage resources has been submitted as requested by the Final Comment issued on the 04/10/2019.

Matenga, E. 2020. Heritage Management Plan: Proposed Prospecting and Mining Rights on the Farm Jakhalsfontein (Portion 1 of the Farm Schmidtsdrift 248), near Schmidtsdrift, Northern Cape.

The HMP provides management procedures for sites JKF04, JKF05, JKF08, JKF16, JKF36, and JKF37. The action plan in section 9.2 of the report refers to petroglyphs and engravings, however there is no mention of petroglyphs/engravings that were identified in the previously submitted HIAs. A monitoring programme and reporting to SAHRA is recommended.

In an Interim Comment issued on the 22/05/2020, SAHRA requested that the HMP be revised to include management measures for sites JKF33, M05 – M09, M11 – M17. Additionally, the reference to petroglyphs/engravings must be explained. Finally, a monitoring programme must be developed as part of the HMP as required in the Final Comment issued on the 04/10/2019.

Since the issuing of the Interim Comment, a revised HMP has been submitted.

The HMP has removed the reference to petroglyphs/engravings, management measures for all sites have

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been provided and a monitoring programme has been developed.

## **Final Comment**

SAHRA is satisfied with the submitted HMP. No further comments are required.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

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Yours faithfully

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