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## Interim Comment

**In terms of Section 38(4), 38(8) 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 appellent (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.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that the HMP be revised to include management measures for sites JKF33, M05 – M09, M11 – M17 as noted in the Final Comment issued on the 04/10/2019. 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.

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Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the revised HMP.

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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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