# M2 Industrial Minerals has applied for Prospecting Right of various minerals Kenhardt

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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: M2 Industrial Minerals (Pty) Ltd

M2 Industrial Minerals has applied for various minerals Prospecting Right in FARM 121 PTN 1, ANGELIERS PAN 260 PTN0, JACOMYNS PAN 176 PTN 0 & 1, KOMBAERS BRAND 177 PTN 1 & 2, N'ROUGAS NOORD 108 PTN 0, 1 & 4, ROK OPTEL 261 PTN 2 & 3, STEYNS PUTS 178 PTN 0

Mr Divhani Mulaudzi has been appointed by M2 Industrial Minerals (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application and Prospecting Rights Application (PRA) for proposed prospecting on several properties near Kenhardt, Northern Cape Province. (NC30/5/1/1/2/12215PR).

A Basic Assessment Report (BAR) has been submitted 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, 28 of 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended). The proposed prospecting will include 12 drill holes, infill drilling of 4 of these drill holes, ablution facilities, various storage areas and site office.

No Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) as per section 24(4)b(iii) of the NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) has been submitted.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that an HIA in terms of section 38(3) and 38(8) of the NHRA be submitted. The HIA must be inclusive of archaeological and palaeontological components.

The quickest process to follow for the archaeological component would be to contract a qualified archaeologist (see <a href="www.asapa.org.za">www.asapa.org.za</a> or <a href="www.asapa.org.za">www.aphp.org.za</a> to provide an Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA). The AIA must comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Component of Impact Assessments.

A Palaeontological desktop Impact Assessment must be undertaken to assess whether or not the

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development will impact upon palaeontological resources as the proposed development footprint is located within moderate palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map (a list of qualified palaeontologists can be supplied upon request). The PIA must comply with the SAHRA 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments.

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Any other heritage resources as defined in section 3 of the NHRA that may be impacted, such as maritime archaeology, built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewscapes must also be assessed.

SAHRA advises the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to apply for an extension of the BAR process in terms of section 19(1)b of the NEMA EIA Regulations to comply with 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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