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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: ABS Africa

KRANSpan COLLIERY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

Ilima Coal Company (Pty) Ltd propose to establish an underground and surface mining coal mine on the farm Kranspan 49 IT, Chief Albert Luthuli Local Municipality of Mpumalanga Province. The extent of the proposed mine right area is 3 382 ha consisting of 1054 ha for the open cast pit, 93 ha for the overburden stockpile, 11 ha for the topsoil stockpile, 2 ha for the mine contractor camp, 6 ha for the Pollution Control dams and 5.3 ha for the Coal stockpile area. The underground mine area will be 392 ha with a 5.4 ha mine shaft area with the support infrastructure amounting to 4 ha and a 2.4 km overland conveyor to the coal stockpile area.

ABS Africa Sustainability Advisors (Pty) Ltd have been appointed by Ilima Coal Company (Pty) Ltd to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process in respect of listed activities in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2017 as amended, that require an application for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA), as amended. As well as a water use licence in terms of the National Water Act (Act No.36 of 1998) (NWA) under Section 21(c) and (i) Water Uses. As well as a Mine Right in terms of section 22 of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, Act 28 of 2002 (MPRDA).

To meet the requirements of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999, a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) Report by Heritage Contracts and Archaeological Consulting (HCAC) had been submitted to South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) for commenting.

Van der Walt, J. November 2018. Heritage Scoping Report for the proposed Kranspan Colliery, Mpumalanga Province.

The desktop assessment of the available literature and survey maps found that there is a potential for finding various kinds of heritage resources within the area of the proposed mine right area. There is a very high likelihood of identifying graves, high likelihood of finding the remains of farmsteads and Later farming community settlements. The author recommends a field assessment must be undertaken by an archaeologist

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and palaeontologist during the EIA phase to definitively ground truth the area and find any heritage resources that may be impacted by the mine.

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts the Heritage Scoping report and the recommendation that a Palaeontological Impact Assessment and a Heritage Impact Assessment must be undertaken during the EIA phase of the project.

SAHRA will comment further on this proposed development once the requested reports are submitted to the case.

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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