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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: Kimswa Mining (Pty) Ltd

The proposed Prospecting Right without Bulk Sampling application for the prospecting of Diamonds Alluvial (DA), Diamonds General (D) & Diamonds in Kimberlite near Niekerkshoop on a portion of Portion 2, a portion of the Remaining Extent of Portion 4 and a portion of the Remaining Extent of Portion 6 of the farm Niewejaars Kraal 40 and Portion 4, a portion of the Remaining Extent of the farm Viegulands Put 39, Registration Division: Prieska, Northern Cape Province.

Milnex 189 CC have been appointed by Kimswa Mining (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application and Prospecting Right (PR) Application for proposed prospecting activities on several farms near Prieska, Northern Cape (NC30/5/1/1/2/12252PR).

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 activities will include 500 boreholes and 100 pits (3 m x 2 m)

The BAR notes that no heritage resources were identified nor will there be any impacts to heritage resources, however, 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 as part of the EA application process. 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 www.asapa.org.za or www.aphp.org.za to provide an Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA). The AIA must comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Component of Impact Assessments.

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A Palaeontological Impact Assessment inclusive of a field assessment must be undertaken to assess whether or not the development will impact upon palaeontological resources as the proposed development footprint is located within high and 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.

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 viewsapes must also be assessed.

SAHRA recommends that the applicant apply for an extension of the EA process as per section 19(b) of the NEMA EIA Regulations.

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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Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.