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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: Matsapa Trading529 CC

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APPLICATION FOR A PROSPECTING RIGHT ON THE REMAINDER OF THE FARM VINCI 580, MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF HAY RD, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE. REFERENCE: NC 30/5/1/1/2/12303 PR

Lindie Wiehahn Consultants have been appointed by Matsapa Trading 529 CC to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application and Prospecting Right (PR) Application for proposed prospecting activities on the Remainder of the Farm Vinci 580, Magisterial District of Hay Rd, Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/1/2/12303 PR).

A draft Basic Assessment Report (dBAR) 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 16 boreholes with an impact area of 40m² each covering an application area of 1 948,1166 ha.

The dBAR 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.

Interim Comment

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 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

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(see 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 desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment must be undertaken to assess whether or not the development will impact upon palaeontological resources as the proposed development footprint is located within moderate, high and very high 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 viewscapes must also be assessed.

The applicant is advised to follow the process in terms of section 19(1)b in order to extend the EA process to comply with these comments.

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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