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In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Renaissance Resources (PTY) Ltd

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APPLICATION FOR A PROSPECTING RIGHT ON A PORTION OF PORTION 1 OF THE FARM BIESJESFONTEIN 218 SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF BARKLEY WEST RD, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE. REFERENCE NC 30/5/1/1/2/12324 PR.

Lindie Wiehahn Consultants have been appointed by Renaissance Resources (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application and Prospecting Right (PR) Application for proposed prospecting activities on a portion of portion 1 of the farm Biesjesfontein 218 situated in the Magisterial District of Barkley West, Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/1/2/12324 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 4 boreholes with an impact area of 40m² each covering an application area of 15, 8843 ha.

The dBAR notes that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) has been requested to be completed and will be submitted when received.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes the pending HIA and requests that the HIA be conducted in terms of section 38(3) and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). It must comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Component of Impact Assessments.

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 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 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.

The applicant is advised to follow the process in terms of section 19(1)b of NEMA in order to extend the EA process to comply with these comments and to incorporate further SAHRA comments into the BAR.

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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