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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: Freefall Trading 97 (Pty) Ltd

Application for Prospecting Right for Diamonds (Alluvial), Diamonds (Kimberlite), Manganese and Gold ore over Remaining Extent, Portion 1 (Portion of Portion A), Remaining Extent Portion 1, Remaining Extent Portion 2, Remaining Extent Portion 6 (portion of portion 2), Remaining Extent Portion 12 of the farm Doornfontein 345 IP, Portions 1, 2, 3 & 4 of the farm Biezenput 357 IP, Remaining Extent and Portion 1 of the farm Klipfontein 344 IP and portion 7 (a certain Portion) of the farm Palmietfontein 343 IP, magisterial district of Ventersdorp, North West Province

DERA Environmental Consultants have been appointed by Freefall Trading 97 (Pty) Ltd conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application and Mining Right (MR) Application for proposed mining activities on several properties in Ventersdorp, North West Province (NW30/5/1/2/2/12571PR).

A draft Scoping Report (DSR) 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 mining activities in Phase 2 include an unknown number of test pits (2 m x 2 m x ±3.5 m deep) on a grid of 100 m x 100 m, Phase 3 mining activities will include 10 diamond drilled boreholes, and Phase 4 mining activities will include 30 000 m³ of trenched material (10 x 60 x ±3.5 m deep). The application area covers 7 105.7835 ha.

The DSR notes that no heritage resources will be impacted, however, the notes a graveyard that requires a 20 m no-go buffer. No Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) has been conducted as per section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that an HIA be completed as part of the EIA and EA process as per section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(3) and 38(8) of NHRA. The HIA must be inclusive of archaeological and palaeontological components.

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The quickest process to follow for the archaeological component would be to contract a qualified archaeologist (see www.asapa.co.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.

No further Palaeontological Assessment is required as the proposed development footprint is located within a low and insignificant sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. A Fossil Finds Procedure must be developed for the construction phase of the proposed development (a list of qualified palaeontologists can be found at <https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html>).

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 draft EIA and appendices must be submitted to SAHRA via the SAHRIS application at the beginning of the Public Review so that an informed comment may be issued.

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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