

Application for Prospecting Right over a certain area of the remaining extent of Portion 2 of the farm Vliegenkraal 13 HO, magisterial district Schweizer-Reneke, North West

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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: Johannes Hendrik Van Wyk

Application for Prospecting Right of Diamonds Alluvial and Diamonds in Kimberlite over a certain area of the remaining extent of Portion 2 of the farm Vliegenkraal 13 HO, magisterial district Schweizer-Reneke, North West

DERA Environmental Consultants have been appointed by J. H van Wyk to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application and Mining Right (MR) Application for proposed mining activities on a certain area of the remaining extent of Portion 2 of the farm Vliegenkraal 13 HO, magisterial district Schweizer-Reneke, North West (NW30/5/1/1/2/12538PR).

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 100 test pits (3 m x 2 m x ±3 m deep) on a grid of 100 m x 100 m and Phase 3 mining activities will include 20 000 m³ of trenched material (10 x 60 x ±3 m deep). The application area covers 380.5452 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.

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

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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 moderate and low palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map (please see <https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html> for a list of palaeontological practitioners). 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 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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