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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Saldomate (pty) ltd

Saldomate (Pty) Ltd, a subsidiary of Weltevreden Colliery (pty) Ltd has applied for a Mining Right. Referenced MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1 (10234) EM and Water Use License in respect of a portion of portion 2 and Portion 6 of the farm Weltevreden 324 JS, Nkangala District, Mpumalanga

Saldomate (Pty) Ltd Weltevreden Coal Mine is proposing to establish an opencast coal mine using the roll-over strip method and truck and shovel method. Located on a portion of Portion 2 and Portion 6 of the farm Weltevreden 324 JS in the eMalahleni Local Municipality of the Limpopo Province. Construction of the mine will consist of an opencast pit (36 ha) Overburden dump (5.8ha), Hard Park (1.2ha), a haul road over 1 km in length, a Topsoil stockpile (0.67 ha) admin block, dirty water diversion infrastructure, pollution control dam, diesel storage, and storm water infrastructure.

Eco Elementum Environmental and Engineering (Pty) Ltd been appointed to undertake the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) application process in support of an Environmental Authorisation application, made on behalf of the applicant, Saldomate (Pty) Ltd Weltevreden Coal Mine. The application process is in respect of listed activities in the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, that require an application for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and a Water Use License in terms of the Water Use Licence Regulations, March 2017 in terms of the National Water Act, 36 of 1998. A mine right in terms of section 22 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA) (As amended). The draft Scoping Report has been submitted to SAHRA in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 25 of 1999 for commenting.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999 (NHRA), heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are generally protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. In contexts of development applications, the developer must ensure that no heritage resources will be impacted by the proposed development, by lodging an application to SAHRA and submitting detailed development specifications as a notification of intent to develop. If the application is made in terms of s. 38 (8) of the NHRA then it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment

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(HIA) is undertaken, as s. 38(2)a does not apply. Such a study should follow the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports and section 38(3) of the NHRA.

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The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit noted that a Heritage Impact Assessment and Palaeontological Impact Assessment of the proposed development area will be undertaken by a qualified archaeologist and palaeontologists, and the reports will be submitted to SAHRA in the EIA phase.

SAHRA will provide further comments on the case once the aforementioned reports are submitted to the case. 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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