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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: Mrs Lee-Ann Pretorius
Grasaro Environmental Consultants

The mining permit is for copper on a 0.44 Ha area on Farm 134 Nababeep. The mineral located on the property is in dust form and will be removed by hand pickers employed by the applicant. The area consists of an old waste stockpile previously mined by the Okiep Copper Company. The waste dump consists of Copper Oxide and Copper Carbonate minerals. Majority of the ore consist of lumps in the vicinity of 30 cm. We anticipate employing at least 15 hand pickers to collect the ore by hand and wheelbarrow, dump it into a receiving bin from where it will be transported by conveyor belt. The conveyor belt will exit onto a stockpile. One Loader will be responsible for loading and one truck will be used for transport. Loading and Haulage will be contracted out to local companies. The proposed development will take place in the Northern Cape Province.

Grasaro (Pty) Ltd have been appointed by Nama Khoi Copper Pty Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application and Mining Permit (MP) Application for proposed mining activities on the Farm 134 Nababeep, near Nababeep, Northern Cape Province (NCS30/5/1/3/2/1(10736)MP).

A draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) 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 include hand pickers collect ore by hand and wheelbarrow, dumping it into a receiving bin where it will be transported by conveyor.

The dBAR notes that an assessment of heritage is being undertaken (page 16 and 42) but has yet to be submitted to SAHRA for comment.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that the outstanding Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) be submitted to the case for review. The HIA must have been completed in terms of section 38(3) and 38(8) of National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). The HIA must be inclusive of archaeological 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 an 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.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above.

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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Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.