

Our Ref:



an agency of the
Department of Arts and Culture

T: +27 21 462 4502 | F: +27 21 462 4509 | E: info@sahra.org.za
South African Heritage Resources Agency | 111 Harrington Street | Cape Town
P.O. Box 4637 | Cape Town | 8001
www.sahra.org.za

Enquiries: Natasha Higgitt
Tel: 021 462 4502
Email: nhiggitt@sahra.org.za
CaseID: 13861

Date: Tuesday March 31, 2020
Page No: 1

Letter

In terms of Section 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.

In a Interim Comment issued on the 21/06/2019, SAHRA requested 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.

On the 12/03/2020, the EAP uploaded a notification that the Environmental Authorisation for the proposed

Our Ref:



an agency of the
Department of Arts and Culture

T: +27 21 462 4502 | F: +27 21 462 4509 | E: info@sahra.org.za
South African Heritage Resources Agency | 111 Harrington Street | Cape Town
P.O. Box 4637 | Cape Town | 8001
www.sahra.org.za

Enquiries: Natasha Higgitt
Tel: 021 462 4502
Email: nhiggitt@sahra.org.za
CaseID: 13861

Date: Tuesday March 31, 2020
Page No: 2

development had been granted. No HIA as previously requested was completed as part of the EA application process.

As the deadline for submitting an appeal against the granting of the EA has lapsed, SAHRA will not provide any official comment in terms of section 38(8) of the NHRA. It must be pointed out that no assessment of the impact to heritage resources has been conducted as part of the EA as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the NHRA.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

Natasha Higgitt
Heritage Officer
South African Heritage Resources Agency

Phillip Hine
Manager: Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit
South African Heritage Resources Agency

ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/523937>

Mining Permit for Copper on Farm 134 Nababeep

Our Ref:



an agency of the
Department of Arts and Culture

T: +27 21 462 4502 | F: +27 21 462 4509 | E: info@sahra.org.za
South African Heritage Resources Agency | 111 Harrington Street | Cape Town
P.O. Box 4637 | Cape Town | 8001
www.sahra.org.za

Enquiries: Natasha Higgitt
Tel: 021 462 4502
Email: nhiggitt@sahra.org.za
CaseID: 13861

Date: Tuesday March 31, 2020
Page No: 3

(DMR - NC, Ref: nid:523887)