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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: Investment Excellence 18 (Pty) Ltd

Mining Permit for the mining of Gravel near Klerksdorp on a certain Portion of the Remaining Extent of Portion 16 (Portion of Portion 15) of the farm Palmietfontein 403, Registration Division: IP, North West Province

Thank you for notifying SAHRA of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) and Mining Permit Application on certain Portion of the Remaining Extent of Portion 16 (Portion of Portion 15) of the farm Palmietfontein 403, Registration Division: IP, North West Province (NW30/5/1/3/2/10646MP).

As the proposed development is undergoing an EA Application process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA), NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, No 28 of 2002 (MPRDA) (As amended), it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a **Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA)** is done as per section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). This must include an archaeological component and any other applicable heritage components. The HIA must be conducted **as part of the EA Application** in terms of NEMA and the NEMA EIA Regulations.

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. The Minimum Standards make reference to a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption from further studies that the appointed specialist may submit, should they feel that it is appropriate.

No further assessment of the impact to palaeontological resources is required as the development footprint is located in an area of low sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. A Fossil Finds Procedure must be development and submitted as part of the EA Application process (please see <https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html> for a list of palaeontological practitioners).

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

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graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewscapes must also be assessed.

The draft EIA documents with appendices must be submitted to the SAHRIS application at the beginning of the Public Review period so that informed comments 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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