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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: Frikkie van Zyl

Van Zyl Farms intends to apply for a prospecting right and related infrastructural activities on the farm Wortel 42, Portion 1 and the Remainder Extent, Khai Ma Local Municipality, Namakwa District Municipality, Namaqualand Magisterial District, Northern Cape Province

Thank you for notifying SAHRA of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) and Prospecting Right (PR) Application on farm Wortel 42, Portion 1 and the Remainder Extent, Khai Ma Local Municipality, Namakwa District Municipality, Namaqualand Magisterial District, Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/1/2/PR)

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) as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA. 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.

No further assessment of the impact to palaeontological resources is required as the proposed mining right is located in an area of low sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map.

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.

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The draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) appendices must be submitted at the start of the public review process so that an informed comment can 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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