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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: Ditukus Projects (Pty) Ltd

#### **Prospecting Right including bulk sampling**

M and S Consulting have been appointed by Ditukus Projects (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) and Prospecting Right (PR) Application on the remaining extent and portion 1 of the farm Demaneng 546 near Kathu, Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/1/2/11686 PR).

A Scoping Report has been submitted 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). The proposed prospecting activities will include 20 boreholes with blasting, bulk sampling in the form of 10 trenches, ablution facilities, diesel tanks, generator site, offices, workshop, processing plants, roads, salvage yard, stockpile area, wash bay, waste rock dumps, water tank, weighbridge and control room over 2 073 ha.

G & A Heritage Management Properties (Pty) Ltd has been appointed to provide heritage specialist input 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.

*Gaigher, S. 2019. Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) Report. Demaneng: Prospecting Boreholes and Trenches.*

Several Stone Age lithics were identified within the proposed area for the prospecting activities, but no sites were identified. The report noted that the proposed development area is underlain by the Kalahari Group and does not contain fossils. A Chance Finds Procedure is recommended.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that a Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) inclusive a field visit be conducted during the EIA phase of the EA process as the proposed footprint for the prospecting activities is located within an area of very high palaeontological sensitivity as per



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the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. The PIA must be conducted by a qualified palaeontologist and the report must comply with the SAHRA 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments.

As the Draft EIA has been submitted without comments from SAHRA, SAHRA advises the applicant to extend the EA process in terms of section 23(1)b of the NEMA regulations in order to comply with this comment.

SAHRA awaits the requested PIA before further comments are 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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