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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: Ms Tshifhiwa Ravele
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BLACK ROCK MINING OPERATIONS PROPOSES TO ESTABLISH A NEW SUPER FINES STORAGE FACILITY AT GLORIA MINE TO ENABLE ADEQUATE STORAGE CAPACITY AS A RESULT OF PREVIOUS AUTHORISATIONS RELATING TO INCREASED PRODUCTION TAKING PLACE AT THE GLORIA MINE, ASSMANG (PTY) LTD BLACK ROCK MINE OPERATIONS, SANTOY, NORTHERN CAPE

EScience Associates (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Assmang (Pty) Ltd Black Rock Mine Operation to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the establishment of a Super Fines Storage Facility at Gloria Mine near Santoy, Northern Cape Province.

A draft Scoping report (DSR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the 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 DSR notes that a heritage specialist report and palaeontological desktop study will be conducted during the EIA phase of the project.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes the pending heritage reports. The pending Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) must comply with section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). The archaeological component of the HIA must comply with with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Component of Impact Assessments. The palaeontological desktop study must comply with the SAHRA 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the pending heritage reports. The draft EIA and appendices must be submitted to SAHRA at the start of the Public Consultation phase so that an informed comment may

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUPER FINES STORAGE FACILITY AT GLORIA MINE
ASSMANG (PTY) LTD, BRMO, SANTOY, NORTHERN CAPE**

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be issued.

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

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