

Prospecting Right Application on Farm 90 (Portions 1,2 & 4); Farm 96 (Remainder, Portions 1 & 2); Machorogan No. 106 (Portions 13, 21 & 23), Barkly West, Northern Cape.

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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: Tswelelopele Resource Solutions (Pty) Ltd

The Applicant lodged an application with the DMR to prospect for diamonds on Farm 90 (Portions 1,2 & 4); Farm 96 (Remainder, Portions 1 & 2); Machorogan No. 106 (Portions 13, 21 & 23), Barkly West, Northern Cape This application has been accepted by the DMR. The scoping report in respect of this application has been drafted. Comments from SAHRA are invited.

Zandile Dwane has been appointed as an Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by Tswelelopele Resource Solutions (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application and Prospecting Right (PR) Application for proposed prospecting activities on Farm 90 (Portions 1,2 & 4); Farm 96 (Remainder, Portions 1 & 2); Machorogan No. 106 (Portions 13, 21 & 23), Barkly West, Northern Cape (NC 30/5/1/1/2/12350 PR).

A draft Scoping Report 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 prospecting activities include 50 trenches (50 m x 25 m 0.5-7 m deep) with associated activities such as temporary site office, dump site, residue dam, 10 km pipeline, 3 km access roads and topsoil stockpiles.

The DSR notes that no heritage resources will be impacted by the proposed prospecting activities however no assessment of heritage resources that complies with 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 has been submitted.

It must be noted that the proposed development footprint is located in an area of high to very high sensitivity with regards to palaeontological resources as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that an assessment of the impacts to heritage resources that complies with section 38(3) of the NHRA as required by section 38(8) of the NHRA and section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA be conducted as part of the EA process.

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The assessment must include an assessment of the impact to archaeological and palaeontological resources. The assessment of archaeological resources must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist and the report comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports (see www.asapa.co.za or www.aphp.org.za for a list of qualified archaeologists).

The palaeontological report must be conducted by a qualified palaeontologist and the report comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments (a list of qualified palaeontologists can be found at <https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html>).

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.

The draft EIA and appendices must be submitted to SAHRA at the beginning of the public review process so that an informed comment 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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