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## Letter

**In terms of Section 38(8), 38(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

Attention: Louis Loubser

Langcarel Rf (Pty) Ltd

Langcarel (Pty) Ltd. (hereafter referred to as Mooiplaats Colliery) (the Applicant) appointed Geo Soil and Water (GSW) as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to assist with undertaking the necessary authorisation and amendment processes for Mooiplaats Colliery. Notice is given in terms of Chapter 6 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (GN R. 982), as amended by GN 326 of 2017, promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA), of applications for: • Environmental Authorisation (EA) (i.e. Scoping and Environmental Impact Report (S&EIR) and public participation process (PPP)) for the expansion of mining activities; • An amendment to the existing Environmental Management Programme Report (EMPR) in terms of Regulation 37 of the EIA Regulations, as amended; • Section 102 in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA) (Act No. 28 of 2002); and • An Integrated Water Use License (IWUL) for various water uses, relating to the mining activities. The project area covers portions 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9 of the farm Mooiplaats 290 IT, portions 0, 1 and 2 of the farm Adrianople 296 IT and portions 0, 2 and 3 of the farm Klipbank 295 IT. It is located approximately 18 km south-east of the town Ermelo and 6 km south of the town Camden in the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, within the Gert Sibande District Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. The geographic coordinates at the center of the site are approximately: 26°39'57.72" S; 30°06'08.99 E. Mooiplaats Colliery, has recently concluded a Section 102 Application in terms of the (MPRDA) to include the two prospecting right areas, known as Mooiplaats South, into the existing Mining Right. Mooiplaats Colliery is also in the process of including two areas that were originally part of the Vunene Mining Right, into the Mooiplaats Colliery Mining Right. Mooiplaats Colliery requires a new EA to extend its mining activities to include the Vunene areas. As part of the application processes, the EMPR will be consolidated to include the existing Mooiplaats Colliery, the additional Mooiplaats South area and the new Vunene areas, in terms of Regulation 37 of the EIA Regulations, as amended and Section 102 of the MPRDA. Furthermore, an updated Mine Works Programme to include the additional Vunene areas, a Regulation 2.2 Plan and an updated and Social Labour Plan will be submitted in terms of Section 102 of the MPRDA. Mooiplaats Colliery has an existing Water Use Licence (WUL) for the original Mooiplaats Mining Right area. A WUL is required for the extended Mining Right area, including the Vunene section and the Mooiplaats South sections. Furthermore, Mooiplaats Colliery wishes to add to and amend the existing WUL.

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Mooiplaats Colliery appointed Geo Soil and Water cc (GSW) to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) to extend its mining activities to include the two additional areas originally part of the Vunene Mining Right into the Mooiplaats Colliery Mining Right.

The project area covers portions 1, 2,7, 8 and 9 of the farm Mooiplaats 290 IT, portions 0, 1 and 2 of the farm Adrianople 296 IT and portions 0, 2 and 3 of the farm Klipbank 295 IT. The Mooiplaats Colliery is located approximately 18km outside of the town of Ermelo, between the N2 and N11, and lies to the south of the Eskom Camden Power Station which falls within the municipal boundaries of the Gert Sibande District Municipality, Mpumalanga Province.

The SAHRA APM unit issued a letter dated 16/10/2020 which requested that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) inclusive of Palaeontological Impact Assessment and Archaeological Impact Assessment to be undertaken and submitted to the case on SAHRIS. The applicant then submitted the Environmental Impact Assessment report with its appendices on the 25th of August 2020. Then a Final Comment dated 01/10/2020 was issued whereby SAHRA stated that they did not support the proposed application due to there being no assessment of impacts to heritage resources.

The HIA was submitted on 08/10/2020 but the Palaeontological Desktop Study was not submitted along with the HIA for comments. As the proposed prospecting area is located in a Very Highly Significant area and according to the Palaeomap policy on SAHRIS, a Paleontological Impact Assessment was supposed to have been undertaken and submitted to SAHRA.

SAHRA cannot provide comments on this application without the submission of all the requested documents to the case. As such the Final Comment dated 01/10/2020 still stands.

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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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/529163>

**Terms & Conditions:**

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.