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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: Botshelo T and G Mining Resources (Pty) Ltd

An application to prospect for Manganese Ore, Iron Ore and Diamond (Alluvial, General and in Kimberlite) has been accepted by the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy. The applicant intends to prospect with Bulk Sampling. Heritage Impact Assessments in respect of this application are going to be conducted. Comment is hereby invited from the SAHRA.

Zandile Dwane has been appointed as an Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by Botshelo T and G Mining Resources (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application and Prospecting Right (PR) Application for proposed prospecting activities on farm Titanic 773 and Gasesa 272, near Tsineng, Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/1/2/12366PR).

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 20 trenches (50 m x 25 m x 200 m deep), 200 pits (3 m x 2 m 500 m deep) temporary structures, temporary dump site, residue dam, oil storage facility, topsoil stockpiles, 3 km water pipeline and ±3 km of roads.

The dSR notes that an assessment of heritage resources may be required.

In an Interim Comment issued on the 20/11/2019, SAHRA requested that an assessment of the impacts of all planned invasive activities on heritage resources that complies with section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (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.

Since the issuing of the Interim Comment, an amended Scoping Report has been submitted. This report does not reflect the Interim Comment provided by SAHRA and it does not appear that the impact to heritage resources will be assessed during the EIA phase of the project.

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SAHRA requests that an assessment of the impacts of all planned invasive activities on heritage resources that complies with section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (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.

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>). The PIA **must** take into consideration the depth of the trenches and pits when conducting the assessment.

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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