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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: Vedanta Resources

Proposed new zinc smelter and associated infrastructure to beneficiate the 250 000 to 300 000 tpa of zinc concentrate produced at the Gamsberg Zinc Mine Phase-1 concentrator plant into final metal on the farms Bloemhoek 61 Portion ,Gams 60 Portion 1 & Aroams 57 RE near the town Aggeneys, Khai-Ma Local Municipality, Namakwa District Municipality, Northern Cape Province.

SLR Consulting has been appointed by Black Mountain Mining (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed Gamsberg Smelter Project, at the Gamsberg Zinc Mine, Northern Cape Province.

A draft Scoping Report has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, no 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed development will be constructed with the mining area (EA received in 2014) and will include a landfill facility, new 7 km water pipeline, laydown area and contractor camp, new roads and transmission line.

The DSR notes that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) and Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) was conducted as part of the original EA process in 2013, and that the findings of these reports remain valid for the current development application. These reports have been submitted to the SAHRIS application.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that letters from the specialists who drafted the original Heritage Reports be submitted, that motivate the validity of the results of the previous reports to the current development application. These letters must form part of the EIA process of the EA application.

SAHRA will issue further comments upon receipt of the requested letters, Draft EIA and appendices.

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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