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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: K2019315211 (South Africa) Pty Ltd

## Prospecting Right Application over Portion 2 and Portion 3 of the Farm Bishop 671, Kuruman District, Northern Cape Province.

Thank you for notifying SAHRA of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) application in support of a Prospecting Rights (PR) Application for proposed prospecting activities on Portion 2 and Portion 3 of the Farm Bishop 671, Kuruman District, Northern Cape (NC 30/5/1/1/2/12395 PR).

As the proposed development is undergoing an EA Application process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA), NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations as amended, it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a **Heritage Impact Assessment** (HIA) is done as per 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. This must include an archaeological component, palaeontological component and any other applicable heritage components. The HIA must be conducted **as part of the** EA Application in terms of NEMA and the NEMA EIA Regulations.

SAHRA 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 <u>part of the EA process</u>.

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 <a href="www.asapa.co.za">www.asapa.co.za</a> or <a href="www.asapa.co.za">www.asapa.co.za<

The proposed development is located within an area of moderate Palaeontological Sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such, a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist. The report must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments.

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It must be noted that the Draft EIA contains conditions from apparently provided by SAHRA (page 69 of the submitted report), however SAHRA has not provided any comments on this case to date. SAHRA requests that this section be removed from the report immediately, as no conditions have not been supplied for this development.

SAHRA advises the applicant to extend the EA process in order to address these SAHRA comments as part of the EA process in terms of section 23(1)b of the NEMA Regulations

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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