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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: Azania KBKM (Pty) Ltd

Application has been lodged with the DMR; Applicant intends to mine diamonds on a 5 Hectare area; Heritage Assessments are going to be conducted; and, Comment from SAHRA is invited.

Thank you for notifying SAHRA of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) application in support of a Mining Permit (MP) Application for proposed mining activities on Erf 687, Barkly West, Northern Cape Province (10800 MP).

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 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 proposed development is located within an area of low Palaeontological Sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such, a Fossil Finds Procedures must be incorporated into the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for the development.

The NEMA documents with all appendices must be submitted at the start of the Public Review process in

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order to issue an informed comment.

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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South African Heritage Resources Agency

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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/534829>
(DMR - NC, Ref: 10800 MP)

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.

Mining Permit Application on a piece of ERF 687, Barkly West

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3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.