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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: Willie Oosthuizen
Wadala Mining and Consulting Pty Ltd

Drilling

Wadala Mining and Consulting Pty Ltd has been appointed by Thunderflex 78 (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for proposed prospecting activities on various properties near Griekwastad, Northern Cape Province (NC) 30/5/1/1/2/12433 PR.

A draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) process will be followed in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2014 EIA Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended). The proposed prospecting right application area will cover 15 358.8792 ha and will include 700 boreholes of ± 5 m deep over five years, including access roads, minor bush clearance, and a mobile officer container.

It is noted that the assessment of the impact to heritage resources is still pending (see page 68 of the DBAR).

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SAHRA notes the pending HIA and requests that the assessment of heritage resources includes a field-based Palaeontological Impact Assessment conducted by a qualified palaeontologist as the development footprint is located within areas of low to very high sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. The assessment of archaeological resources must comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports. The PIA report must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments.

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 applicant is advised to extend the EA application process in terms of section 19(1)b of the NEMA EIA regulations to comply with this comment and allow for the relevant public participation process for the HIA, and

Prospecting Right for diamonds by Thunderflex 78 (Pty) Ltd (Turksvypan) with Drilling (NC12433PR)

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to provide SAHRA an opportunity to provide comments in terms of section 38(8) of the NHRA, that can be included in the Final BAR for decision making to the competent authority.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the NEMA EA documents inclusive of appendices.

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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