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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

Amendment of EA to add to listed activities that was added with the water use licence application

Wadala Mining and Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Southern Ambition 1549 (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application in support of a section 102 Amendment Application for mining activities on remaining extent and portion 1 of the Farm East 270, near Hotazel, Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/1/3/2/1/10137 MR; NC-00173-MR/102).

A draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) has been submitted 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 amendments include a pollution control dam that exceeds 100 square meters and a flood protection berm on the side of the open cast pit.

SAHRIS Case ID 12592 has reference (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/phase-i-hia-east-270>). The original EA application on SAHRIS did not include any NEMA documents such as the BAR, only the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) was submitted. SAHRA discussed the submitted HIA in the Interim Comment issued on the 10th July 2018 and will not discuss it in this comment. In the Interim Comment, SAHRA requested that a palaeontological desktop study be conducted as part of the project.

The current BAR makes reference to a Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) conducted by Dr Fourie; however, no report has been submitted for review.

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The SAHRA Archaeological, Palaeontological and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests the conducted PIA be submitted for review. Additionally, SAHRA requests a letter from the Heritage Specialist to confirm that the results of the 2018 HIA still apply to the current amendments.

SAHRA advises the applicant to apply for an extension of the EA process in terms of section 19(1)b of the

**Application for a section 102 for amendment of EA for Southern Ambition 1549
(Pty) Ltd (NC10137MR NC-00173-MR/102)**

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NEMA EIA Regulations in order to address this comment.

Additionally, the DBAR appendices must be submitted so that an informed comment may be issued.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested documents.

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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