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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

Opencast mining for Diamonds

Wadala Mining and Consulting Pty Ltd has been appointed by Roodam Plaas (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation Application in support of a Mining Right Application for proposed mining activities on portion 1 and remaining extent of the farm Roodam 101, near Kimberley, Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/2/2/10157 MR).

A Scoping Report 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 mining right application area covers 1 934.8367 ha with activities that will include strip mining with infrastructure such as a processing plant, conveyor belt, topsoil stockpiles, fuel storage tanks, mine residue dam, office complex, temporary workshop facilities, storage facilities, ablution facilities, water tanks and overburden stockpiles.

Dr Lloyd Rossouw was appointed to provide a heritage specialist input as part of the EA application in terms of section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Rossouw, L. 2016. Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment of the farm Roodam 101, near Windsorton, Northern Cape Province.

The submitted report assessed the development area for a prospecting application. As part of the assessment, two specific areas were assessed i.e. Area 1 and Area 2. Area 1 is underlain by Ventersdorp andesites. One Later Stone Age core was identified. The Koranna mission station is located 700 m from the study area. Area 2 is underlain by cobble grade conglomerate and has been degraded by previous prospecting activities. A large rectangular stone-walled structure was identified on the riverbank, and circular stone walled structure was identified higher up, 650 m west of the riverbank. No fossil heritage was identified.

Recommendations provided in the report include the following:

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- The graves and structural remains of the Koranna Mission Station be fenced off and avoided;
- A 10 m wide buffer zone to be adhered to around the two stone walled structures in Area 2;
- A Chance Fossil Finds Procedure be implemented.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that an application specific HIA be conducted for the Mining Right application. The activities and areas assessed as part of the HIA were for a prospecting right and are not relevant to the current Mining Right application.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above reports.

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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**Mining Right for Diamonds by Roodam Plaas (Pty) Ltd with opencast mining.
(NC 10157 MR)**

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