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## Interim Comment

### In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Imerys Refractory Minerals South Africa

**The is making an application for an environmental authorisation application and an integrated water use licence application on portions 61 and 62 of the farm Cyferfontein 457 KR, Waterberg District Municipality and Modimolle Local Municipality, Limpopo Province.**

Imerys Refractory (Pty) Ltd Cyferfontein Mine is proposing to extend their existing mine right to Portions 61 and 62 of the farm Cyferfontein 457 KR, in the Modimolle Local Municipality of Limpopo Province. They plan on mining clay, constructing a haul road and pumping water for dust suppression. The extent of the extension area will be 107 ha.

They have appointed BECS Environmental (Pty) Ltd to undertake a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) application process in support of an Environmental Authorisation application in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA), as amended and a Mining Right in terms of section 22 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA) (As amended), for listed activities in the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

A draft EIA/EMP Report was been submitted to SAHRA in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 25 of 1999 for commenting.

On page 17 of the Draft EIA, the EAP states that an HIA has been created for the application area. However, the HIA report has not been submitted to this case for commenting as part of this application.

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SAHRA notes that an HIA was undertaken for the proposed development, however this report has not been submitted to this case as part of this application. This HIA must be submitted to this for comments.

In addition to the HIA report, SAHRA also requires an assessment of palaeontological resources by a suitably qualified palaeontologist. If an assessment for palaeontology was undertaken for the HIA report mentioned in the EIA/EMP then that report must also be submitted to the case.

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SAHRA will provide further comments on this proposed quarry once the aforementioned reports are submitted to the case for comments.

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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