## Hartebeestfontein Remainder Prospecting Right Project

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# **Final Comment**

In terms of Section 38(4), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: K2018010850 (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd

K2018010850 (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd is applying for a Prospecting Right on various portions of the farm Hartebeestfontein 445 JQ, namely portions: RE/2, RE/28, 36, 48, RE/50, 51, 98, 99, RE/100, 166, 170, RE/176, 178, 199, 238, and 239/445. The subject farm portions fall within the Rustenburg Local Municipality in the Bojanala District Municipality in the North West Province. The minerals being applied in the Prospecting Right application are Chrome and Platinum Group Elements (PGE's). During phase 2 of the prospecting surface mapping and sampling will take place. A comprehensive field visit will be conducted whereby the outcrops will be mapped and sampled. A detailed field-based map will be compiled highlighting the relevant stratigraphic units in the project area. Surface samples will be sent for analysis. No excavations, pits, trenches or boreholes will be constructed as part of this Prospecting Right application. Refer to Mining Works Programme submitted for the application.

Red Kite Environmental Solutions has been appointed by K2019010850 (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for proposed prospecting activities on various portions of the farm Hartebeestfontein 445, near Schoemansville, North West Province (NW 30/5/1/1/3/2/12737 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 298.50 ha and will not include any excavations, pits, trenches or borehole. Surface sampling of outcrops will be conducted.

No assessment of the impacts to heritage has been conducted as no invasive activities are planned. It must be noted that the south-western section of the application footprint is located within an area of moderate sensitivity for palaeontological resources as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map.

### **Final Comment**

The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 3(4) of the NEMA Regulations and section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be included in the

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#### Final BAR and EMPr:

• 38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit no objections to the proposed development;

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- 38(4)b The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. No further additional specific conditions are provided for the development;
- 38(4)c(i) If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)c(ii) If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)d See section 51(1) of the NHRA;
- 38(4)e The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:
- i) If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA;
- The Final BAR and EMPr must be submitted to SAHRA for record purposes;
- The decision regarding the EA Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application.

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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Direct URL to case: http://www.sahra.org.za/node/538761

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