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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

It is planned to initially mine the project with an open pit targeting both the oxide and sulphide gold and copper bearing Mineral Resources. A number of processing options are being investigated with the heap-leach option being currently preferred. After Year 3 the material would be re-processed by CIL Leaching after milling the heap leach tailings down to 80 passing min 75 micron. The same electro winning plant will be used to extract the gold. the milled slimes will be stored in the same heap leach ponds from where heap leach tailings have been reclaimend.

Wadala Mining and Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Rich Rewards (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation Application for proposed mining activities on portions 1 – 4 of the farm Eyedrop Pan 58, near Marydale, Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/1/2/10174 MR).

A draft Scoping Report (DSR) 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 will cover 17 555,2978 ha and will include opencast mining with associated activities and infrastructure such as a plant, workshop, office and waste dump, sewage facilities, stormwater dam and other stormwater infrastructure, pollution ponds, 3.5 km 11KVA powerline, fuel storage facility, access roads and haul roads, water pipelines, wash bay, various stockpiles, explosives magazine and blasting.

The DSR notes heritage desktop reports are being conducted (see page 44 and 69 of the DSR) and will be submitted during the EIA phase of the application.

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SAHRA notes the pending heritage reports and requests that the following studies be conducted as part of the assessment of the impact to heritage resources:

- The assessment of heritage resources must comply with section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA);



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- A field-based assessment of the impact to archaeological resources must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist and the report comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports (see www.asapa.co.za or www.aphp.org.za for a list of qualified archaeologists);
- A desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment is required to be completed as part of the HIA as the proposed development footprint is located within an area of moderate sensitivity for palaeontological resources as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. The desktop PIA must be completed by a qualified palaeontologist and the report must comply with the 2012 SAHRA Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessment Reports. For a list of qualified palaeontologists, please see the following link <https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html>;
- 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.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the requested heritage reports and 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

Natasha Higgitt
Heritage Officer
South African Heritage Resources Agency

**Mining Right for Aggregate, Barytes cobalt, Copper, Gold, Gravel, Iron Ore,
Lead, Limestone, Molybdenum, Stone Aggregate Gravel, Pyrite, Tungsten and
Zinc by Rich Rewards Trading 437 (Pty) Ltd with Open Pit mining (NC10174MR)**

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