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## Interim Comment

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

Attention: Mphahlele Community Developments Trust

#### **The Mphahlele Community Development Trust is in the process of applying for a Mining Right on the farm Locatie van M'phatlele 457 KS in the Limpopo Province.**

Maphahlalele Community Development Trust is proposing to establish a mine. The proposed mine right area is 2345ha opencast mine area and the opencast pit will be 745ha in extent. The mine will consist of a Waste Rock Dump 25 ha in extent, Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) and a 30 ha stockpile area among other things. The total extent will be 2400 ha, located on the Farm Locatie van M'Phatlele 457 KS, in Lepelle Nkumpi Local Municipality, Limpopo Province.

They have appointed Red Kite Environmental Solutions (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 the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA) (As amended), for listed activities in the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

A Scoping Report was been submitted to SAHRA in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 25 of 1999 for commenting. The SAHRA issued an Interim Comment dated 19/10/2021 requesting an HIA study and a submission of a .kml file. Once the .kml file was submitted the case author was supposed to use the SAHRIS palaeosensitivity map to assess whether they need to submit a Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) as per the SAHRIS palaeomap policy. The HIA report was submitted on 06/04/2021 along with the draft EIA report. However, a PIA report was not submitted to the case even though portions of the Mine Right Area is underlain by High and Low sensitive zones.

*Pelser, A. January 2021. Report On A Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment For The Mphalele Mining Rights Application Situated 60km South-East Of Mokopane And 50km South Of Polokwane In The Limpopo Province.*

The author undertook a field assessment of the proposed new mine right area and did not identify any heritage resources. Certain portions of the mine right area were not assessed due to dense vegetation. The proposed open cast pit expansion and entrance to the underground mine and plant will be on land previously of



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agricultural use. The author recommends chance finds procedures that must be used in the event that any artefacts or graves are uncovered.

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The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) cannot comment on this project until a palaeontologist is appointed to undertake a PIA and the report is submitted to the case for review prior to the granting of the EA for this case.

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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