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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Universal Coal (Pty) Ltd

Universal Coal Development III (Pty) Ltd (Universal Coal) secured a Mining Right and approved Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the Brakfontein Colliery in 2017. A change in name application was approved in 2019 to amend the name to the Ubuntu Colliery. Subsequent to this, Universal Coal intends to amend infrastructure already approved and include additional infrastructure, including a diversion to the D2546 District Road. Some of the proposed infrastructure triggers Listed Activities requiring an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process in support of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) necessary for the Project to proceed.

Universal Coal SA (Pty) Ltd's Ubuntu Colliery is proposing to construct additional infrastructure for their coal mining activities and to divert the road D2546 that bisects the colliery. The proposed infrastructure will include a water and sewerage treatment plants, storage area, water silo and storm water diversion berm, admin area, fencing and security gate, crushing and screening facility and product stockpile area etc. The proposed infrastructure is located on Portion 10 and the remainder of the farm Brakfontein 264 IR, Victor Kanye Local Municipality of the Mpumalanga Province.

Digby Wells Environmental (Pty) Ltd has been appointed to undertake an environmental assessment as part of the Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting process in support of an Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environment Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) for activities that trigger the NEMA EIA 2014 Regulations.

Digby Wells Environmental (Pty) Ltd's in house Heritage Specialist has submitted a NID to SAHRA for commenting.

Hardwick, S. and Du Piesanie, J. November 2020. Notification of Intent to Develop -Environmental Authorisation for the Proposed New Infrastructure at the Universal Coal Development III (Pty) Ltd Ubuntu Colliery near Delmas, Mpumalanga Province.

The author notes the potential heritage resources in the area from undertaking a desktop study of the known history. They recommend a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) to be undertaken and a Palaeontological

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Impact Assessment (PIA) submitted to SAHRA for comment in the EIA phase of the EA application process.

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology, and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts the recommendations in the NID and awaits the submission of the PIA and HIA reports along with the EIA report before commenting further on this application.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

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