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

Attention: Dorstfontein Coal Mines (Pty) Ltd

Exxaro Coal Central (Pty) Ltd holds an approved Mining Right for underground and opencast coal mining at the Dorstfontein East Coal Mine (DCEM) near Kriel in the Mpumalanga Province. ECC aims to extend the underground mining area to exploit the Lower Seam 2 and Lower Seam 4 resources. ECC intends to construct additional surface infrastructure in support of this expansion.

Exxaro Coal Central (Pty) Ltd's Dorstfontein East Colliery is proposing to expand their existing underground mining operations and associated infrastructure. It is located on the farms Bosch Krans 53 IS, Dorstfontein 71 IS, Fentonia 54 IS, Welstand 55 IS, eMalahleni and Govan Mbeki 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) and the in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA) (Act 28 of 2002) as amended, 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 -Exxaro Dorstfontein East Coal Mine Expansion Project near Kriel, Mpumalanga.

The author assessed the known history and notes the potential for archaeological, palaeontological and historical sites and other heritage resources to occur in the area. They recommend a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) to be undertaken and a Palaeontological 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.

Yours faithfully

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