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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: Mr Wilmot Prusent
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Upgrade and consolidation of more than one existing salt mining operations under one Mining Right. Portions 10, 13, 18 and 20 of Farm Groot Witpan 327 Gordonia RD Northern Cape

Site Plan Consulting has been appointed by Industrial Salt (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed Upgrade and consolidation of more than one existing salt mining operations under one Mining Right. Portions 10, 13, 18 and 20 of Farm Groot Witpan 327 Gordonia RD Northern Cape (NC 30/5/1/1/2/1/ 219MR).

A Final Scoping Report (FSR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2017 EIA Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended). The proposed upgrades will include clearing of logistical area outside of pan edge, establishment of logistical facility including residences, office, generator facility, establishment of plant and stock area on pan, and development of dam walls.

Two heritage reports were submitted with the application, however it is noted that these report assessed an application to the south-east of the current application. SAHRIS Case ID 13104 refers (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/gemsbok-horn-prospect>).

The FSR notes that it is anticipated that a Heritage Impact Assessment will be required.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that the impact to heritage resources be conducted as part of the EIA phase of the EA application process. The pending HIA must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA. The assessment of archaeological resources must be completed by a

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qualified archaeologist comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports.

A desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be completed for the proposed development as the footprint is located within an area of moderate palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. The assessment of palaeontological resources must be completed by a qualified palaeontologist and must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessment Reports.

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 above requested report and the draft EIA and appendices. 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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