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Interim Comment

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

<u>Attention:</u> Ms Thingahangwi Tracy Tshivhase South African Heritage Resources Agency

the proposed projects is for a 5Ha mining permit.

Ndlenhle Mining and Consultants (Pty) Ltd was appointed by the Greater Emalahleni Community Forum to undertake an environmental assessment for the proposed coal mine on the farm Kleinzuikerboschplaat 5 IS, in the eMalahleni Local Municipality of Mpumangal Province. The mine will be 5 hectares extent including the access/haul road, mobile office, ablution facilities as well as a mobile washing and screening plant.

An EMPr report has been submitted as well as a letter to SAHRA requesting comments due to discovering graves located on a portion of the proposed mining right area. In addition to the letter and EMPr, a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) has been submitted to the case.

The HIA report submitted to the case is for a development application in the Northern Cape, and not the proposed coal mine in Mpumalanga Province.

Interim Comment

The South African Heritage Agency (SAHRA) Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot provide comments on this proposed mine development without the submission of the correct HIA report for the proposed mine. Also, SAHRA requires clarity on the environmental application process that was undertaken in order to get approval for the proposed coal mine, as well as when the Environmental Authorisation application was first submitted, and when it was approved, if it is approved.

SAHRA will comment on this application once the aforementioned information is submitted to the case.

Please ensure that the applicant information and consultant information is changed to reflect the company who owns the mine, the the consultants name should be the consultant who is undertaking the environmental application and mining 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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Yours faithfully

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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/547940 (DMR, Ref: mining permit)