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## Interim Comment

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

Attention: Anglo American - Inyosi Coal

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**Anglo American Inyosi Coal (Pty) Ltd (AAIC) proposes to develop a discard facility at its opencast operations at Zibulo Colliery, situated near Ogies in the Mpumalanga Province. Zibulo Colliery produces an annual eight million run of mine (ROM) tonnes of export thermal coal, with seven million tonnes per annum coming from its underground sections and the remaining one million tonnes from its opencast pit. Underground operations incorporate bord and pillar continuous miner methods while the contractor-run opencast pit utilises the truck and shovel mining method.**

Anglo American Inyosi Coal (Pty) Ltd's Zibulo Colliery is proposing to construct a new disposal facility that will be located in the mined out area of Zibulo Collieries opencast pit. The mine is located on the farms Oogiesfontein 4 IS and Klipfontein 3 IS, in eMalahleni Local Municipality of Mpumalanga Province. The discard facility will be 147 hectares in extent and the conveyor belt will be 2-3m.

Golder and Associates (Pty) Ltd has been appointed to undertake a Scoping and Environmental Assessment application process in support of an Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act no 107 of 1998 (NEMA) as amended, for activities that trigger the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) 2014 Regulations, as amended.

A Scoping Report has been submitted to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) for commenting in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). The report states that there may be need for an exemption letter for heritage studies. The SAHRA issued an Interim Comment dated 28/01/2021 requesting an assessment of impacts to heritage resources by a palaeontologist and an archaeologist. If the specialist deem it appropriate then a letter of exemption could be submitted.

The draft EIAR and heritage exemption letter were submitted 15/07/2021.

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The author reviewed the available aerial imagery and google earth and assessed that no heritage will be impacted by the proposed discard facility in the opencast pit. The area has already been disturbed by the existing mining activities and the current mining activities are not of heritage value as they are younger than 60 years. The author recommends no further mitigation measures.

#### **Interim Comment**

The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) cannot comment on this project because the Palaeontological Assessment report has not been submitted along with the heritage exemption document.

The SAHRA will comment on the application once it is submitted to the 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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# Proposed Discard Facility at the Zibulo Colliery Opencast Operation

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