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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Anglo Operations Proprietary Limited

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Anglo Operations (Pty) Ltd and Universal Coal Development IV (Pty) Ltd have partnered to participate in the proposed Dalyslope Coal Mining Project near Lephalale in the Limpopo Province. The Project will include the establishment of an opencast coal mine which will be operated by contractors using truck and shovel strip-mining methods over an anticipated Life of Mine of 30 years.

Universal Coal Development IV (Pty) Ltd is applying for a mine right for the Dalyslope mine on behalf of Anglo Operations (Pty) Ltd. The proposed new mine will be an opencast coal mine using the standard truck and shovel method of mining. The mining area in the mine right will be on farms Dalyslope 232 KQ and Klaarwater 231 KQ located in the Lephalale Local Municipalities of 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 an Environmental Management Plan (EMPr) in terms of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, No 28 of 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended), for activities that trigger the NEMA EIA 2014 Regulations.

An EIAR, a Notification of Intent to Develop (NID) document, and a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) by Digby Wells has been submitted to SAHRA for commenting in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Hardwick, S. and Du Piesanie, J. February 2021. Notification of Intent to Develop - Proposed Dalyslope Coal Mining Project, situated in the Magisterial District of Lephalale, Limpopo Province.

The author undertook an assessment of the proposed mining area and found that there is a likelihood of historical buildings and burial grounds occurring in the project area as well as the occurrence of archaeological remains and palaeontological resources. Therefore an impact assessment of all the above must be carried out and a Heritage Impact Assessment will be submitted in the EIA phase.

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Hardwick, S. and Du Piesanie, J. January 2021. Heritage Impact Assessment: Proposed Dalyshope Coal Mining Project, situated in the Magisterial District of Lephalale, Limpopo Province.

A pre-disturbance survey was undertaken in 2012/2013 and 31 isolated pottery and stone tool finds were identified and rated as being of low significance. In 2021 a verification field survey of the proposed mine right area and infrastructure footprint area was undertaken and one further isolated stone tool was found and rated as being of low significance. All recorded findings are sufficiently recorded in the report and the authors recommend no further mitigation measures.

The study area overlies the Ellisras Basin and of Waterberg Basin. The Waterberg Basin in this area consists of the Kransberg Subgroup, Waterberg Group, which is of low significance. The Ellisras Basin in the study area consists of highly significant rocks of the Karoo Supergroup.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot provide comment on this proposed development without an assessment of impacts on palaeontological resources by a suitably qualified for the proposed mining activities on the farms Dalyshope and Klaarwater.

SAHRA will comment further once a Palaeontological Impact Assessment is submitted to the case for comments.

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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