

# SCOPING REPORT FOR CHANGES TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE LAYOUT AND ACTIVITIES AT THE MAMATWAN MINE

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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: South 32 - Hotazel Manganese Mine (Pty) Ltd: Mamatwan Mine

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**Hotazel Manganese Mines (Pty) Ltd (HMM), a subsidiary of South32, is the holder of a Mining Right (MR) (Ref No.: NC 256 MR) for the Mamatwan Mine (MMT). The MMT is bordered to the West by the Tshipi Borwa Mine, and to the North by the United Manganese of Kalahari (UMK) Mine. The mine is operated by South32 and is located 25 km to the south of the town Hotazel, in the John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality and Joe Morolong Local Municipality in the Northern Cape Province.**

SLR Consulting has been appointed by Hotazel Manganese Mines (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Amendment Application for proposed changes to the infrastructure layout and activities at the Mamatwan Mine, near Hotazel, Northern Cape Province (NC-00198-MR/102).

A draft Scoping Report (DSR) 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 change in layout and activities includes the following: establishment of top-cut stockpile and associated mobile crushing and screening plant, establishment of stormwater management infrastructure, establishment of pipelines, and upgrading the railway and railway loadout station.

The DSR notes that a Heritage and Palaeontological Study will be compiled for the project as part of the EIA phase.

### Interim Comment

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes the pending Heritage Impact Assessment and Palaeontological Impact Assessment. The HIA must comply with section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

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The archaeological component of the HIA must comply with the 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components for Impact Assessments. Additionally, as the proposed development application area is located in an area of moderate sensitivity for palaeontological resources as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map, a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be required to be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist. (See <https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html> for a list of qualified palaeontologists). The report must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested reports and the Draft EIA documents. 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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