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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: Aletta Maritz

### **Non invasive and invasive prospecting methods for kieselguhr.**

Wadala Mining and Consulting (Pty) Ltd have been appointed by Alet Maritz Mynbou (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for proposed prospecting activities on The Farm Gamahuli No. 495 and the Remaining Extent of the Farm Malley No. 498 and the Farm La Rochelle No. 359 located in the Administrative District Of Kuruman in the Northern Cape Province (DMRE Ref No: NC 30/5/1/1/2/12782 PR).

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 prospecting right application area will cover 7 094.4861 ha and will include 300 pits (2 m x 3 m x 0.5 – 5 m deep), 50 trenches (100 m x 50 m x 0.5 – 5 m deep), water distribution pipelines, storm water control berms and trenches, access roads, residue stockpiles, office complex, temporary workshop facilities, storage facilities, ablution facilities, various stockpiles, and waste disposal site.

The DSR notes that an assessment of the impact to heritage inclusive of a desktop palaeontological study will be undertaken during the EIA phase. It is further noted that only one of the farms is mapped on the GIS mapping tool as part of the application.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes the pending assessment of the impact to heritage resources and requests that the assessment comply with section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). Additionally, the assessment of the impact to archaeological resources must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist and comply with the 2007 SAHRA Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessments.

As the prospecting rights 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)

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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.

Additionally, please upload a simple kml file that includes all farms as indicated in the DSR.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested reports and the draft EIA documents inclusive of 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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