## Application for prospecting rights on Thorns 407, Duine 437, Record 411, Loskop 414, Oatlands 406, Towton 415

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## **Final Comment**

In terms of Section 38(3), 38(4), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

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Zastrocode (Pty) Ltd proposed application for prospecting rights on the farms Thorns 407, Duine 437, Record 411, Loskop 414, Oatlands 406 and Towton 415 under the Tsantsabane Local Municipality of ZF Mgcawu District Municipality in the Northern Cape Province

Myezo Environmental Management Services have been appointed by Zastrocode (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for proposed prospecting activities on Thorns 407, Duine 437, Record 411, Loskop 414, Oatlands 406 and Towton 415 under the Tsantsabane Local Municipality of ZF Mgcawu District Municipality in the Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/1/2/12709 PR).

A Final Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) 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 20 061.27 ha and will include 40 boreholes to depths ranging from 50 m to 100 m, with access roads (±5 km).

No assessment of the impact to heritage resources that complies with section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) as required by section 38(8) of the NHRA and section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA has been submitted to SAHRA for review and comment.

## **Final Comment**

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot endorse this proposed EA application and advises the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) to reject the application for Prospecting Rights activities on Thorns 407, Duine 437, Record 411, Loskop 414, Oatlands 406 and Towton 415 under the Tsantsabane Local Municipality of ZF Mgcawu District Municipality in the Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/1/2/12709 PR) as no assessment of the impact to heritage resources that complies with section 38(3) of the NHRA as required by section 38(8) of the NHRA and section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA has been conducted as part of the EA application process.

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This comment must be forwarded directly to the competent authorities and proof of the submission and receipt thereof must be provided to SAHRA.

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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