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Final Comment

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

Attention: Sitatunga Resources

Heritage comment for assessment of Farm Gloria

Sitatunga Manganese (Pty) Ltd has appointed Tobias Coetzee to conduct a Heritage Impact Assessment for the proposed expansion of the East Manganese Mine on a Portion Intersecting Portion 1 of the Farm East 207 and Portion 1 of the Farm Gloria 266, Hotazel, Northern Cape (NC 30/5/1/2/2/10137 MR).

The Environmental Authorisation for (NC 30/5/1/2/2/10137 MR) was granted on the 31st July 2019. This EA application is found on SAHRIS Case ID 12592 (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/phase-i-hia-east-270>). SAHRA issued an Interim Comment on the case requesting that an assessment of the impact to palaeontological resources be conducted and that the EIA documents be submitted for review. This did not occur. A second application relating to the development was created on SAHRIS i.e. Case ID 14933 (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/application-section-102-amendment-ea-southern-ambition-1549-pty-ltd-nc10137mr-nc-00173-mr102>) as part of an amendment application for (NC 30/5/1/2/2/10137 MR). SAHRA issued a Final Comment on the 12/06/2020 noting no objections to the proposed amendment application.

Activities planned for portion 1 of the farm Gloria 266 include benching and stripping. No heritage assessment was conducted over the current portions under application, hence the compilation of an assessment of the impact to heritage resources.

Coetzee, T. 2021. Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment for the Proposed Expansion of the East Manganese Mine on a Portion Intersecting Portion 1 of the Farm East 207 and Portion 1 of the Farm Gloria 266, Hotazel, Northern Cape

A possible historical site consisting of a windpump, circular reservoir and small angular structure of low significance and Middle Stone Age lithics of low heritage significance were identified within the proposed expansion area.

Recommendations provided in the report include the following:



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- No further action is required for the identified Stone Age lithics;
- A destruction permit from the relevant heritage authority will therefore be required should the proposed development impact the structures;
- A Chance Finds Procedure is recommended to be implemented.

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The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 3(4) of the NEMA Regulations and section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be included in the Final EMP:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections to the proposed development;
- 38(4)b – The recommendations of the specialists must be adhered to. Further additional specific conditions are provided for the development as follows:
 - Should it not be possible to avoid the identified historical site, a permit in terms of section 34 of the NHRA must be applied from the Northern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority for mitigation to be implemented before construction may commence. No mitigation and construction activities may occur without a permit issued in this regard;
- 38(4)c(i) – If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)d – See section 51(1) of the NHRA;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:
 - i) If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of

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archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA;

- The Final EMPr must be submitted to SAHRA for record purposes.

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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South African Heritage Resources Agency

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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/575733>
(DMR - NC, Ref: NC 30/5/1/2/2/10137 MR)

Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.

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3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.