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

Attention: Iyanga Mining (Pty) Ltd

Iyanga Mining (Pty) Limited is applying with intensions of disposing the discarded material from the coal washing plant on their site, into their mined-out opencast pits at the Northern mining section of Welgelegen Colliery. The above will assist the mine to minimize the dirty footprint of the planned discard dump. Welgelegen Colliery's proposed in-pit discard disposal is situated approximately 15 km east of Delmas, and 12 km south of Kendal within Victor Khanye Local Municipality, Mpumalanga province

Iyanga Mining (Pty) Ltd is proposing to amend their waste management licence in order to discard of coarse rock material from their coal washing plant into the existing coal mining pit. The coal mining pit is located on Portions 12 and 13 of the farm Welgelegen 221 IS, Victor Kanye Local Municipality of Mpumalanga Province.

Iyanga Mining (Pty) Limited appointed Geovicon Environmental (Pty) Limited to undertake an environmental assessment as part of the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment process in support of an Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environment Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act 59 of 2008) (NEMWA) for activities that trigger the NEMA EIA 2014 Regulations. As well as an Environmental Management Plan as per the requirements of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, No 28 of 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended).

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report was submitted to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) for commenting in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). The report states that an Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) was conducted for the initial mine right application.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot provide any comments on this application until the following is submitted to the case:

A .kml file of the proposed in pit discard area must be uploaded to the LocationInfo/Palaeosensitivity Map. If the HIA for the mine right application is less than 5 years old then it must be submitted to the case.

The proposed development area is located within an area of very high sensitivity in terms of palaeontological resources as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity. A field-based **Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) or a letter of exemption** must be undertaken by a suitably 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. The qualified palaeontologist must assess if any exposed fossils will be impacted by the in-pit discard of waste material.

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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