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Final Comment

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

Attention: Baobab Mining and Exploration (Pty) Ltd

Suite 7, Building 2, Waverley Office Park
15 Forest Road, Bramley 2090

Baobab Mining and Exploration (Pty) Ltd applied for an Amendment to the Makhado Colliery Environmental Authorisation on 16 March 2021 to extend the validity period thereof. The Amendment is for the removal of Condition 7.1 contained in the Environmental Authorisation granted on 30 August 2013 (SAHRA case 95) by the Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) which deals with the obligation to commence within a certain time. The said condition was removed by the DMRE since "that section is repealed from the EIA Regulations and is not going to be enforced by the Competent Authority". The other conditions of the Environmental Authorisation remain binding.

Thank you for Notifying SAHRA regarding the EA amendment application submitted to the LEDET. It is noted that the EA has already been granted for this application and that the application is not for extensive amendments that require reassessment. The original application for SAHRA comments can be found on case ID 85 (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/makhado-colliery>) and SAHRA's conditions still stand:

"SAHRA recommends that the identified Stone Age material/sites (1, 2. and 3. in section 7.2 of the report) be assessed by a qualified Stone Age archaeologist. SAHRA APM Unit will make further recommendations regarding these once a report has been submitted to the SAHRA APM Unit.

The farm school ruin will not be affected by the proposed railway. However, Decisions in terms of Built Environment (structures older than 60 years) must be referred to the Limpopo Provincial Heritage Authority (Mr. Donald Lithole, litholek@sac.limpopo.gov.za).

A number of Iron Age sites, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, and 98 (section 7.4 of the report) may also be affected. The author requested monitoring for Sites 92 and 95 during construction. The author recommended Phase 2 assessments on the Iron Age site 91 and 98 if they are going to be affected by the proposed mine. Sites 93, 94 and 96 will not be affected by the mine and no further action is required. These recommendations are supported."

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It is noted that various permit applications for the mitigation of all heritage resources have already been applied for, and that the process is ongoing. This current application is concluded.

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