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## Interim Comment

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

Attention: De Beers Consolidated Mines (Pty) Ltd

PO Box 616  
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### **Construction of new storm water management infrastructure at De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd. Venetia Mine. on the Farm Venetia 103 MS**

De Beers Consolidated Mines (Pty) Ltd has appointed Shangoni Management Services (Pty) Ltd to undertake a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment application process in support for an Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act no 107 of 1998 (NEMA) as amended, for activities that trigger the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) 2014 Regulations, as amended.

De Beers Consolidated Mines (Pty) Ltd is proposing to amend their existing to construct additional storm water management infrastructure, water containment facilities, the relocation of the boundary fence, 11kV and 22kV power lines. The proposed activities are located on Portions 1, 2, 5 of the farm Venetia 103 MS in the Musina Local Municipality of the Limpopo Province.

A Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) report has been submitted to SAHRA for commenting in terms of section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, no. 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

*Miller, S. May 2021. 1st phase H.I.A. of a proposed upgrading and extension of the proposed storm-water management project at Venetia Mine, Limpopo Province, South Africa, For De Beers Consolidated Mines (Pty) Ltd. Project number DEB-VEN-21-02-03.*

The author undertook a field survey of the proposed storm water and water containment facilities and did not identify any heritage resources. The area has been disturbed by 30 years of mining activities and any heritage located within the mining area will have been damaged earlier on.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes the submission of the Scoping report and the HIA report to this case for comment. SAHRA cannot provide comments on the proposed development activities without the amendment of the HIA to include the following:

A tracklog map of the site visit, a map of previously identified sites in the mining area and on the boundaries of the mining area and the heritage specialist must assess if sites on the boundaries still exist and if they will be impacted.

An assessment of palaeontological resources must be undertaken by a suitably qualified palaeontologist, and the report or a letter of exemption must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments (a list of qualified palaeontologists can be found at <https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html>).

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the requested above and the submission of the EIA report. 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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