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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Manyeleti Consulting SA (Pty) Ltd

Manyeleti requires a prospecting right in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act No. 22 of 2002) (MPRDA). Before the prospecting right will be granted, Manyeleti must undertake an environmental authorisation process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA). The proposed prospecting project will cover an area of 3 500 hectares and located approximately 30.3 km south of Kuruman town in the Northern Cape Province.

Ndi Geological Consulting Services (Pty) Ltd have been appointed by Manyeleti Consulting SA (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for proposed prospecting activities on Remaining extent, Portion 2, Portion 3 and Portion 4 of the farm Newstead 449, in the Kuruman Magisterial District, Northern Cape Province (NC12745PR).

A draft 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). It is noted that the public review period as stated in the DBAR ended on the 23 May 2021. The proposed prospecting activities will include 25 RC and five diamond boreholes.

No assessment of the impact to heritage resources as required by section 24(4)(b)(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) has been conducted as part of the EA application process.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that an assessment of the impact to heritage resources and requests that the assessment comply with section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). Additionally, the assessment of the impact to archaeological resources must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist and comply with the 2007 SAHRA Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessments.

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As the prospecting rights application area is located in an area of low, moderate and very high sensitivity for palaeontological resources as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map, a field-based Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be required to be undertaken by a 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 applicant must provide clarity on the current EA application process.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested reports.

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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