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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: Aletta Maritz

Prospecting Right application Alet Maritz Mynbou with bulk sampling for Kieselgurh on Gamahuli, Malley and La Rochelle, Kuruman, Northern Cape

Wadala Mining and Consulting (Pty) Ltd have been appointed by Alet Maritz Mynbou (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for proposed prospecting activities on farm Gamahuli No. 495 and the Remaining Extent of the Farm Malley No. 498 and the Farm LaRochelle No. 359, near Kathu, Northern Cape Province (NC30/5/1/1/2/12782PR).

A draft Scoping Report (DSR) 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). The proposed prospecting activities will include 300 pits (2 m x 3 m x 0.5 – 5 m) and 50 trenches (100 m x 50 m x 0.5 – 5 m). Other associated activities and infrastructure will include water distribution pipelines, clean and dirty water system, access roads, diesel storage, residue deposits, office complex, workshop facilities, stockpiles and storage facilities.

The DSR states that a heritage and palaeontological impact assessment will be conducted as part of the EIA phase of the application process.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes the pending 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.

As the prospecting rights application area is located in an area of moderate sensitivity for palaeontological resources as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map, a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be required to be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist. (See

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<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.

Please upload a kml file that maps all areas as part of the EA application. Currently only the farm La Rochelle has been mapped.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested reports and the draft EIA inclusive of appendices.

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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