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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: Chrismar Delwerye (Pty) Ltd

The proposed prospecting right application for the prospecting of Diamonds Alluvial (DA) and Diamonds General (D) near Warrenton on Portion 7 (De Valera), Portion 16, the Remaining Extent of Portion 5 (Geluk), Portion 17 and the Remaining Extent of the farm Slypklip North 32, Registration Division: Kimberley. Northern Cape Province

Milnex 189 CC has been appointed by Chrismar Delwerye (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for proposed prospecting activities on Portion 7 (De Valera), Portion 16, the Remaining Extent of Portion 5 (Geluk), Portion 17 and the Remaining Extent of the farm Slypklip North 32, Registration Division: Kimberley. Northern Cape Province (NC30/5/1/1/2/12199PR).

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 100 pits (2 m x 3 m x 5 m) and 30 trenches (30 m x 20 m x 5 m), a washing pan and residue stockpiles.

The DSR (page 65) states that special attention will be given to the identification of possible cultural or heritage resources and that ruins have already been identified.

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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 and high 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.

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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