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Interim Comment

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

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integrated Scoping & Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIR) process will be conducted for the upgrade of the approved Environmental Management Programme for Moonstone Diamond Marketing (Pty) Ltd existing Diamond, Diamond (General), Diamond (Alluvial), Diamond (In Kimberlite) and inclusion of Pebble Stones mining activities for the mining rights on the Remainder of Hondeklipbaai and Seaward to 31.4 Km below Low Water Mark in the administrative District of Namaqualand, Northern Cape Province of South Africa.

Archean Resources (Pty) Ltd have been appointed by Moonstone Diamond Marketing (Pty) Ltd to conduct an upgrade of the approved Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for Pebble Stones Mining Activities on the remainder of Hondeklipbaai and seaward to 31.4 km below the low water mark, in Hondeklip Bay, Northern Cape Province.

A draft Scoping Report (DSR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2017 NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended). The proposed development will include strip mining over 2 232 ha, processing plant, slimes dam, access roads will be upgraded, and haul roads will be constructed, fuel storage, coffer dams, waste management facility, residue deposit will be deposited on the beach and other mined out areas for rehabilitation purposes.

The DSR states that an Archaeological and Palaeontological Impact Assessment will be conducted as part of the EIA phase of the application.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes the pending heritage impact assessments. The assessment of the impact to heritage resources must comply with section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). The archaeological component, which will include a maritime heritage assessment, 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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The proposed development footprint is located in an area of very high sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. SAHRA requests that a field-based Palaeontological Impact Assessment be conducted by a qualified palaeontologist as part of the proposed development EA process. The report must be conducted by a qualified palaeontologist and must comply with the 2012 SAHRA Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments.

Any other heritage resources as defined in section 3 of the NHRA that may be impacted, such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes taking into account any visual impacts of the development on any significance heritage resources must also be assessed.

Further comments will be issued upon the receipt of the pending 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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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.