

Proposed Prospecting Right Application for Beryllium Ore, Corundum, Magnesite, Gold Ore, Vanadium Ore and Manganese Ore Paardekraal 135 LT,

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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Xolani Ngamone

Stand No.425, Thondoni, Masakona, Limpopo, 0941

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Vhalinawa Masakhona (Pty) Ltd is proposing to undertake prospecting for Beryllium Ore, Corundum, Magnesite, Gold ore, Vanadium and Manganese ore, on the farms Geraldine 119 LT, Mariniersdrift 115 LT, Aangenaam Uitzicht 114 LT, Goede Hoop 120 LT, Paardekraal 135 LT, Bontfontein 136 LT, Zoetfontein 137 LT, Bandeliersfontein 138 LT covering an area of 9201 ha. The farms all located in the Greater Letaba and Makhado Local Municipality of the Limpopo Province. The prospecting work programme will include invasive activities like the drilling of 15 boreholes.

Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd have been appointed to undertake an environmental assessment as part of the Basic Assessment process in support of an Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environment Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) for activities that trigger the NEMA EIA 2014 Regulations. As well as an Environmental Management Plan as per the requirements of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, No 28 of 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended).

A Basic Assessment Report was submitted to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) for commenting in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). The report states that an Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) must be conducted if any heritage is uncovered during mining activities. However, an assessment of heritage in the area must be undertaken during the approval process and not after.

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As the proposed development is undergoing an EA Application process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA), NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, No 28 of 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended), it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is done as per section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). This must include an archaeological component, palaeontological component and any other applicable heritage components. The HIA must be conducted as part of the EA Application in terms of NEMA and the NEMA EIA Regulations.

The archaeological component of the HIA should follow the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological Component of Impact Assessment Report. The quickest process to follow for the archaeological component would be to contract a qualified archaeologist (see www.asapa.co.za or www.aphp.org.za). The Minimum Standards refers to a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption from further studies, that may be submitted should the archaeologist deem it appropriate.

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 must also be assessed.

The applicant is advised to extend the BAR process in terms of section 19(1)b of the NEMA EIA regulations in order to comply with this comment.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the requested.

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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Heritage Officer

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