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In terms of Section 38(8), 38(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Annesley Andalusite Mine, a division of Imerys Refractory Minerals South Africa (Pty) Ltd

Final Environmental Scoping Report for listed activities associated with a Mining Right (Integrated Environmental Application for the extension of quarry 3) on the farm Annesley 109 KT and the farm Holfontein 126 KT, situated in the Greater Tubatse Municipality of the Limpopo region

BECS Environmental (Pty) Ltd have been appointed by the applicant, Annesley Andalusite Mine, to undertake an environmental assessment as part of the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment application 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.

Imerys Refractory Minerals South Africa (Pty) Ltd Annesley Andalusite Mine is proposing to rehabilitate their existing opencast pit named Quarry 3. The extent of the pit area is to be 4.53 ha.

A Letter of Recommendation for an Exemption from undertaking a Heritage Impact 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).

Coetzee, T. August 2022. RECOMMENDED EXEMPTION FROM ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY: QUARRY 3 AT THE ANNESLEY ANDALUSITE MINE TO THE NORTH OF BURGERSFORT, LIMPOPO.

The author submitted a motivation for an exemption from undertaking a field assessment because the study area is located within an existing mine pit, within an existing mine right area. The author recommends the chance finds procedures if there are any discoveries during construction.

The SAHRA issued an interim comment dated 25/05/2022, requesting the submission of the heritage reports before issuing further comments on the application.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology, and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes and accepts the submission of the draft EIAr, and HIA exemption letter. SAHRA has no objections to the proposed development on the following conditions:

38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections to the proposed development;

38(4)b – The recommendations provided by the heritage specialists are supported and must be adhered to. The following additional conditions must be adhered to:

A Fossil Chance Finds Procedure must be developed and included in the mines EMPr for implementation by the mine EO

In the event that fossils are uncovered during construction then construction must cease within the immediate vicinity, a buffer of 30 m must be established, and a palaeontologist called in to inspect the finds. The palaeontologist must obtain a section 35(4) permit in terms of NHRA and Chapter IV NHRA Regulations, before any fossils are collected.

38(4)c(i) – If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Phillip Hine 021 202 8654) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offence in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;

38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Ngqalabutho Madida 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offence in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;

38(4)d – See section 51(1) of the NHRA for offences;

38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:

i) If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA; The decision regarding the EA Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted



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Yours faithfully

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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/589169>
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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.