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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: Tshenolo Iron Ore Mine (Pty) Ltd

374 Furrow Road
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Proposed mining operations on Portion 1 (Turner) of Farm 431 situated in the Magisterial district of Postmasburg, Northern Cape Province

LW Consultants have been appointed by Tshenolo Iron Ore Mine (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation Application for proposed mining activities on Portion 1 (Turner) of Farm 431 situated in the Magisterial district of Postmasburg, Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/2/2/10201 MR).

A draft Scoping Report (DSR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the EIA Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended). The proposed mining application area will be 1 618.0988 ha and include open cast bench mining, ore and waste dumps, stockpiles, site office, processing site, water reticulation dam, ablution facility, vehicle parking, wash bay, parts storeroom, scrap yard, workshop, chemical, diesel and hydrocarbon storage, domestic waste facility, generator and powerlines, security points, storm water infrastructure, access and haul roads,

It is noted that a Heritage Impact Assessment will be conducted during the EIA process.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that an assessment of the impact to heritage resources be completed as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA that complies with section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) as required by section 38(8) of the NHRA. The HIA must include an archaeological and palaeontological component.

The archaeological component of the HIA must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist and must comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact

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Assessment Reports (see www.asapa.co.za or www.aphp.org.za for a list of qualified archaeologists).

The proposed mining footprint is located in an area of moderate sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity Map. Therefore, a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment must be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist. (See <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.

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.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the requested studies and the draft EIA documents 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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