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Final Comment

In terms of Section 38(3), 38(4), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Ember Tetra Trading (Pty) Ltd

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The prospecting for minerals through Drilling and Bulk Sampling

DERA Environmental Consultants were appointed by Ember Tetre Trading (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation Application in support of a Prospecting Right Application for proposed prospecting activities on portion 13 of the farm Vaalhoek 469, District of Gordonia, Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/1/2/12571 PR).

A Final EIA/EMPr has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2014 EIA Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended). The proposed prospecting right application area covers 741.3889 ha with activities that will include the clearance of indigenous vegetation, 30 boreholes, an unknown number of trenches (10 x 60 x 5 m deep), plant area, stockpiles, roads, ablution facilities, test pits and temporary office buildings.

No assessment of the impact to heritage resources conducted by a heritage specialist as part of the EA application in terms of section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) has been conducted.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot endorse this proposed development and advises the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) to reject the application for Prospecting Rights activities on portion 13 of the farm Vaalhoek 469, District of Gordonia, Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/1/2/12571 PR) as the impact to heritage resources as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(3) and 38(8) of the NHRA has not been conducted as part of the EA process.

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This comment must be forwarded directly to the competent authorities and proof of the submission and receipt thereof must be provided to SAHRA.

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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