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## Final Comment

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

Attention: Willie Oosthuizen  
Wadala Mining and Consulting Pty Ltd

#### **Prospecting Right Application by Alet Maritz Mynbou for Kieselguhr with bulk sampling.**

Wadala Mining and Consulting Pty Ltd have been appointed by Alet Maritz Mynbou (PTY) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation Application for proposed prospecting activities on a portion of the remaining extent of the farm Rossville No 638, Kuruman District, Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/1/2/12986 PR).

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 prospecting application area will cover 37.932555 ha and include 20 pits (2 m x 3 m x 0.5-1 m deep), 10 trenches (100 m x 50 m x 0.5-1 m deep), water distribution pipelines, storm water control berms and trenches, access roads, stockpiles, office complex, temporary workshop facilities, storage facilities, ablutions, and a waste disposal site.

Prof Marion Bamford and Archaeological and Heritage Services Africa (Pty) Ltd were appointed to provide heritage specialist input as part of the EA application process as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) that complies with section 38(3) of the NHRA.

*Bamford, M. 2021. Palaeontological Impact Assessment for the Prospecting Rights Application on Farm Rossville 638, near Olifantshoek and Postmasburg, Northern Cape Province.*

The proposed development area is underlain by non-fossiliferous rocks of the Olifantshoek Supergroup and overlying Quaternary aeolian sands that may contain fossils; however, no palaeo-pans or palaeo-springs were visible from satellite imagery. A Fossil Chance Finds Protocol should be implemented as part of the EMPr.

*Matenga, E. 2021. Phase I Heritage Impact Assessment & Palaeontological Desk Assessment for a Mine Prospecting Application on the Farm Rossville near Olifantshoek, Gamagara Local Municipality, Northern Cape Province.*

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No heritage resources were identified within the proposed development area. Recommendations provided in the report include the need for a Chance Finds Procedure.

In an Interim Comment issued on the 25/03/2022, SAHRA noted the submitted heritage reports and stated that further comments would be issued upon receipt of the draft EIA and EMP. Since the issuing of the Interim Comment, the draft EIA and EMP have been submitted to SAHRA (20/06/2022). The results and recommendations of the heritage specialist reports have been incorporated into the draft EIA and EMP.

### Final Comment

The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be included in the Final EIA and EMP:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections to the proposed development;
- 38(4)b – The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. No further additional specific conditions are provided for the development;
- 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 (Natasha Higgitt/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense 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/Ngqabutho 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 offense 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 regarding 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 Final EIA must be submitted to the SAHRIS application for record purposes;

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- The decision regarding the EA application and PR application must be submitted to the SAHRIS application for record purposes.

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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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/593134>

**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.