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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: 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.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes the submitted heritage reports. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the draft EIA and associated appendices including the EMPr.

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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