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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

OPEN CAST ALLUVIAL MINING OPERATION WITH YELLOW GEAR

Wadala Mining and Consulting Pty Ltd have been appointed by Renaissance Resources (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation Application for proposed mining activities on portion 2 of the farm No 232, Barkley West and portion 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the farm De Bad, Kimberley, Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/3/2/10199 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 right cover 6 221.1955 ha and include activities such as alluvial diamond mining, water distribution pipelines, clean and dirty water systems, possible storage dam and tanks, access and haul roads, diesel storage, stockpiles, office complex, temporary workshop facilities, ablution facilities, and waste disposal site.

It is noted that an Archaeological Impact Assessment and Palaeontological study will be completed (page 112 of the DSR) as part of the EIA process.

Interim Comment

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes the pending Heritage specialist reports. SAHRA requests that the HIA complies with section 38(3) of the NHRA as required by section 38(8) of the NHRA.

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 Assessment Reports (see www.asapa.co.za or <a href="w

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

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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 viewscapes must also be assessed.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested reports and the Draft EIA 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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