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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: Future Gems

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Proposed prospecting activities on Portion 1, a portion of Portion 8 and Portion 19 of the farm Sacha 468, situated in the Magisterial District of Kuruman, Northern Cape Province.

Lindie Wiehahn Consultants have been appointed by Future Gems (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation Application for proposed prospecting activities on Portion 1, a portion of Portion 8 and Portion 19 of the farm Sacha 468, situated in the Magisterial District of Kuruman, Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/1/2/12995 PR).

A Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) 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 1 271.8299 ha and include 20 initial drill holes (40m² per drill site), ablution facility, vehicle storage, chemical storage, diesel storage, domestic waste facility, access roads and drill traverses.

No assessment of the impact to heritage resources has been conducted 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.

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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 NHRA as required by section 38(8) of the NHRA. The HIA must include an archaeological and palaeontological component.

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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 www.aphp.org.za for a list of qualified archaeologists).

The proposed prospecting 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.

The applicant is advised to extend the EA process in terms of section 19(1)b of the NEMA EIA Regulations in order to comply with this comment. A revised BAR with the results of the above requested specialist studies must be completed.

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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