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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: Pikwane Energy Group (Pty) Ltd

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Proposed 5 ha mining on a portion of the farm Wildebeest Kuil 69 situated within the magisterial district of Kimberley, Northern Cape Province

Lindie Wiehahn Consultants have been appointed by Pikwane Energy Group (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation Application for proposed mining activities on portion of the farm Wildebeest Kuil 69 situated within the magisterial district of Kimberley, Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/3/2/10959 MP).

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 5 ha and include excavations, topsoil and overburden stockpiles, ore and waste dumps, site office, processing plant, ablution facility, vehicle parking, wash bay, parts storeroom, scrap yard, temporary workshop facility, diesel, chemical and hydrocarbon fluid storage, domestic waste facility and access and hauling roads.

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.

The proposed development is located approximately 3.75 km from the Wildebeestkuil Rock Art Provincial Heritage Site. As part of the HIA, a Visual Impact Assessment of the visual impacts of the proposed

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development on the Provincial Heritage Site must be undertaken. This must include a viewshed analysis and photo montage. Additionally, a noise impact assessment must be conducted as the site is also a heritage tourism site.

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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