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Final Comment

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

Attention: De Beers Consolidated Mines (Pty) Ltd

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VLNR Management Plan

A Heritage Impact Assessment report by Heritage Contracts and Archaeological Consultants (Pty) Ltd and a Palaeontological Impact Assessment report by Prof M Bamford was submitted to SAHRIS case ID 16066 for commenting by SAHRA in terms of section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, no. 25 of 1999 (NHRA). Both reports were commissioned by Alta van Dyk Environmental cc on behalf of Venetia Mine Nature Reserve to assess potential impacts to heritage resources by the proposed new lodge on the farm Lizzulea 62 MS, Musina Local Municipality of Limpopo Province.

Both Heritage reports state that the final placement of the lodge was not been finalised, but the entire proposed development area was assessed and that the lodge triggers the listed activities in the NEMA EIA Regulations and that a Basic Assessment was carried out.

In the Final Comment (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/574719>) issued by SAHRA on SAHRIS case id 16066 (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/vlnr-lodge>), SAHRA stated the following specific conditions:

- *An archaeologist must be present to undertake monitoring of construction activities for the storm water management system and the lodge units. A report of the monitoring must be submitted to the case.*
- *There must be a 30m bufferzone around sites Waypoint 172, 2229AD 295, Waypoint 174, 2229AD 296, Waypoint 176, 177, and 178 to prevent any accidental damage to them.*
- *A heritage management plan to aid in long term conservation efforts for the sites located near the*



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Venetia Nature Reserve Lodge must be developed by a suitably qualified archaeologist. The report must be submitted to SAHRA for review.

- *A section 35(4) permit application in terms of NHRA and Chapter IV NHRA Regulation for the mitigation of sites (Site 2229AD 208 & 2229AD 209) must be submitted to SAHRA.*
- *The Chance Finds Fossil Procedures must be included in the EMP.*

A Heritage Management Plan (HMP) by Beyond Heritage (Pty) Ltd, as requested in the Final Comment has been submitted to this case in fulfillment of the condition listed above for the submission of an HMP for the long term conservation of sites near and within the proposed lodge.

Van der Walt, J. April 2022. Heritage Management Plans for the Venetia Limpopo Nature Reserve, Limpopo Province.

The HMP sets out that the responsible person to ensure the HMP is implemented is the developer of the VLNR and assisted by the Environmental Officer (EO) for the day to day management of the heritage resources during construction of the lodge and ensure the guidelines and requirements outlined in the HMP are undertaken by them or a qualified heritage practitioner. The report recommends that a qualified archaeologist to work with the development team, and environmental manager to oversee and monitor construction activities as required in the SAHRA comments. It is recommended that the heritage practitioner must also compile and train the construction crew on relevant heritage matters.

The palaeontological features must be monitored monthly by palaeontologist and more regularly by the EO, any recommendations must be included in the annual review of the HMP.

The archaeological features at must be monitored monthly by an archaeologist and more regularly by the EO, any recommendations must be included in the annual review of the HMP.

Final Decisions

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The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts the HMP submitted for the long term management of sites close to and within the VLNR and access road. The following conditions add to, endorse and are an addition to the conditions contained in the Final Comment on case id 16066:

The monthly monitoring of all heritage resources by the archaeologist appointed for the project.
The monthly monitoring of the palaeontologist for all construction activities near the palaeontological feature.
The demarcation of sites located close to the access road and lodges and the placement of notices for visitors to be aware of the presences of heritage resources for educational and conservation purposes.
A monitoring report must be compiled and submitted quarterly to SAHRA until construction ends.
If the annual review of the HMP is undertaken and any amendments result from the review then the amended HMP must be submitted to SAHRA.

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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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.