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## Interim Comment

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

Attention: Miracle Upon Miracle Investments (Pty) Ltd

**Miracle Upon Miracle Investment Preferent Prospecting Right Project on farm Nooitverwacht 324 KT and Eerstegeluk 327 KT, which are located within the Greater Tubatse Local Municipality, Limpopo province. The Prospecting Right was issued by the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy in 2011. The 2011 approved Environmental Management Plan indicated that an Archeological study had to be conducted prior the commencement of exploration activities. Therefore a Phase 1 Cultural Heritage study was conducted because prospecting activities are due to commence in June 2022.**

Miracle Upon Miracle Investments (Pty) Ltd as a holder of a Prospecting Right in terms of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, No 28 of 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended), has submitted a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) as a condition of the right issued in 2011.

The Chrome, Copper, Cobalt, Silver, Gold, Nickel and other Platinum Group Metals ore exploration prospecting work programme includes the drilling of 75 boreholes.

Mincon (Pty) Ltd has been appointed to oversee the implementation of the EMP and the appointment of the heritage practitioner. The HIA was submitted to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) for commenting in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

*van Schalkwyk, J. April 2022. Phase 1 Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment: THE BENGWENYAMA PGM EXPLORATION PROJECT ON THE FARMS EERSTEGELUK 327KT AND NOOITVERWACHT 324KT, STEELPOORT REGION, GREATER SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, LIMPOPO PROVINCE.*

The author undertook a field assessment of the prospecting right area and identified a general low density scatter of potsherds in a few areas, as well as low density scatter of MSA stone tools. A historical homestead consisting of stonewalled settlement and some pottery (site BHINFD/04) with a graveyard in close proximity was identified. Two other historical homesteads with the remains of dilapidated house and a perimeter fence were identified as sites BHINFD/010 and BHINFD/011. Site BHINFD/08 is a burial site and site BHINFD/06 consist of a scatter of decorated potsherds of the Mareteng Facies and a background scatter of MSA stone tools. The overall impact is low, but the access roads may have an indirect impact on the identified sites. The

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local who has knowledge of the identified sites must provide guidance to avoid any unforeseen damage. The author recommends the following:

Establish buffer zone of 50m from the outer edges of the burial site. Demarcate for period of drilling with danger tape.

Avoid site. Probably only indirect impact by of making access road. Knowledgeable person such as January Nkosi should assist in determining access road in order to avoid features. Alternative would be full archaeological excavation.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology, and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes the submission of the EMP and HIA, however the HIA report does not contain a map with the track log of the field survey.

The HIA report must be amended to include a map of the field survey tracklog before providing further comments.

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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