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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: Kholisile Diamonds (Pty) Ltd

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A prospecting right application to prospect for Diamonds on Hardcastle 366, the Remainder and portions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the farm Sanddrift 371, the Remainder and portions 4 and 5 of the farm Magoras 372, the Remainder and portions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 of the farm Tweefontein 373, the farm Lovedale 590, the Remainder and portions 1, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the farm Hospital 365. Magisterial District of Hay, Northern Cape Province.

LW Consultants have been appointed by Kholisile Diamonds (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation Application for proposed prospecting activities on various properties near Prieska, Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/1/2/13124 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 will include 25 drilled boreholes (40m² each), ablution facilities, vehicle storage, chemical storage, diesel storage, domestic waste facility, access roads and drill traverses over an application area of 20 524.3228 ha. It is noted that the location of the boreholes has been estimated.

No assessment of the impact to heritage resources as been conducted as per 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 undertaken as part of the EA process 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

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palaeontological component.

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 development is located within an area of moderate, high and small areas of very high Palaeontological Sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such, a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) 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. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested reports and revised DBAR that incorporates the results of the heritage specialist reports.

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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