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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: Mr Stephen le Roux
Rooiberg Mining (Pty) Ltd

Diamond Prospecting by drilling on farms Portion of Portion 1 of Kopjeskraal 273, Portion of Remainder of Eyer Gat 327, Portion of Portion 2 of Wolve Grav Water 330, Portions 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 21 of Stinkfontein 461 (Calvinia RD). Northern Cape.

Site Plan Consulting have been appointed by Rooiberg Mining (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation Application for proposed prospecting activities on Portion of Portion 1 of Kopjeskraal 273, Portion of Remainder of Eyer Gat 327, Portion of Portion 2 of Wolve Grav Water 330, Portions 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 21 of Stinkfontein 461, near Calvinia, Northern Cape Province (NC30/5/1/1/2/13093 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 activities include five (5) areas of prospecting activities that include 99 drill holes (120m² each) and 4.56 ha of tracks. It is noted that the approximate location of the drill sites is provided in the DBAR.

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 field-based 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 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).

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The proposed development is located within an area of moderate 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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