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In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Ms Francina Motjoadi

Mamokebe Investments (Pty) Ltd

mining right application in portion Portion of the Farms: Grootspruit 23 HT (Excluding the Mining Permit Area), 24 HT (Excluding Mining Permit Area), Voorslag 25 HT and Sobbeken 390 IT, Wakkerstroom

Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Mamokebe Investments (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation Application for proposed mining activities on Portion of the Farms: Grootspruit 23 HT (Excluding the Mining Permit Area), 24 HT (Excluding Mining Permit Area), Voorslag 25 HT and Sobbeken 390 IT, Wakkerstroom, near Driefontein, Mpumalanga Province (MP 30/5/1/2/2/10341 MR).

A Draft Scoping Report 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 mining activities include open cast coal mining, boxcut, blasting, stockpiling, weigh bridge, mobile crusher plant, access and haul roads, offices with septic/chemical ablution facilities, workshop and stores, diesel facilities, power and water, storm water infrastructure, washing plant facility.

The Draft Scoping Report notes that a Heritage Impact Assessment was conducted and that the report would be made available during the EIA process. A Palaeontological Impact Assessment has been submitted for review.

Fourie, H. 2022. Coal Mining Right Application on Portion of Farms Grootspruit 23 Locatie 24 HT (Excluding the Mining Permit Area), Kaffir HT (Excluding Mining Permit Area), Wakkerstroom: Palaeontological Impact Assessment: Phase 1 Field Study.

The proposed development footprint is underlain by the Vryheid Formation and unfossiliferous dolerite which may contain trace and plant fossils, marine and insect fossils. No fossils were identified. A Chance Finds Procedure is recommended to be implemented.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes the pending HIA and requests that the HIA comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA as required by section 38(8) of the NHRA.

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 viewscapes must also be assessed.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the pending HIA and draft EIA inclusive of appendices.

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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South African Heritage Resources Agency

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