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Interim Comment

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

Attention: MBOKOTO MINING GROUP (PTY) LTD

The proposed prospecting Right is located on Farm part of Khaku 195 MT in the magisterial district of Vhembe, in the Limpopo province.

Mbokodo Mining Group (Pty) Ltd is proposing to prospect for Gold Ore, Graphite, Iron Ore and Manganese Ore. The proposed prospecting area will be 1298.21 ha in extent, and the prospecting work programme will include invasive drilling activities with a planned 30 boreholes and 10 percussion holes drilled in phase 2 of the work programme.

They have appointed BGES (Pty) Ltd to undertake a Basic Assessment (BAR) application process in support of an Environmental Authorisation application in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA), as amended and a Prospecting Right in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA) (As amended), for listed activities in the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

A BAR was been submitted to SAHRA in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 25 of 1999 for commenting.

The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) requires an assessment of impacts as stated in section 38(3) of the NHRA. This Heritage Impact Assessment report, inclusive of a Palaeontological Impact Assessment must form part of the specialist studies undertaken for the EA application.

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In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999 (NHRA), heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are generally protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. In contexts of development applications, the developer must ensure that no heritage resources will be impacted by the proposed development, by lodging an application to SAHRA and submitting detailed development specifications as a notification of intent to develop. If the application is made in terms of

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s. 38 (8) of the NHRA then it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is undertaken, as s. 38(2)a does not apply. Such a study should follow the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports and section 38(3) of the NHRA.

The HIA must be undertaken by a suitably qualified archaeologist and it must comply with section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). Once the report is submitted to the case for commenting, SAHRA will provide further comments on this proposed development.

In addition to the HIA report, SAHRA also requires an assessment of palaeontological resources by a suitably qualified palaeontologist. The HIA and the Palaeontology Impact Assessment (PIA) must be provided to SAHRA prior to the submission of the final BAR to the competent authority. All these documents will be assessed by SAHRA and the comment issued must be included in the final BAR.

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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