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## Final Comment

**In terms of Section 38(4), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

Attention: Ms Felicity Cecelia Links  
Private

### **DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED NON-INVASIVE ACTIVITIES: Desktop Study Geological Mapping Geological Report DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED INVASIVE ACTIVITIES Bulk Sampling**

M A Golaith has been appointed by Felicity Cecelia Links to undertake an Environmental Authorisation Application for proposed prospecting activities on farms Ramons Drift 24 and Hom 25, near Springbok, Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/1/2/12835 PR).

A Final Environmental Impact Assessment 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 will include four pits (50 m x 20 m), 800 sampling points (1 x 0.2 x 0.2 m), a mobile plant processing area, temporary waste stockpiles, topsoil stockpiles, portable ablution facilities, workshop and site office, within an application area of 15 426.3360 ha.

Dr Gideon Groenewald and Palafel 4D Consulting has been appointed to provide heritage specialist input as part of the EA process in terms of section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

*Groenewald, G. 2023. Desktop Palaeontological Assessment: Palaeontological Impact Assessment for the Proposed Farm Ramons Drift 24 and Farm Hom 25 Prospecting Site, Nama Khoi Local Municipality, Namakwa District Municipality, Northern Cape Province*

The proposed development footprint is underlain by unfossiliferous metamorphic and igneous rocks, and Tertiary and Quaternary aged moderately sensitive sediments. A Chance Finds Procedure is recommended to be implemented.

*Chikumbirike, J. 2023. Heritage Impact Assessment for the proposed prospecting of Farms Ramons Drift 24 and Homs 25*

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A total of two heritage resources were identified within the proposed development area. These include a rocky outcrop and Stone Age lithics of low heritage significance. Other heritage resources such as built structures and graves were identified outside of the development footprint and will not be impacted by the proposed prospecting. A Chance Finds Procedure is recommended.

### Final Comment

The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be included in the Final EIA and EMPr:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Development Applications Unit (DAU) has no objections to the proposed development;
- 38(4)b – The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. No further additional specific conditions are provided for the development;
- 38(4)c(i) – If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA DAU (Natasha Higgitt 012 202 8660/ [nhiggitt@sahra.org.za](mailto:nhiggitt@sahra.org.za)) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA DAU (Natasha Higgitt 012 202 8660/ [nhiggitt@sahra.org.za](mailto:nhiggitt@sahra.org.za)), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)d – See section 51(1) of the NHRA regarding offences;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:
  - i) If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA;
- The Final EIA and EMPr must be submitted to the SAHRIS application for record purposes;
- This comment must be submitted directly to the competent authority for their consideration during the decision-making process. Proof of the submission and receipt thereof must be provided to SAHRA;
- The decision regarding the EA application must be submitted to the SAHRIS application for record

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purposes.

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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**ADMIN:**

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(DMR, Ref: NC 30/5/1/1//2/12835PR)

**Terms & Conditions:**

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.