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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: Mr Eddie Aphane
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Plot 106 ,Road 4, Delmas,Gauteng,2210

Prospecting Right for Coal on portion 1 and a portion of the Remaining Extent of the Farm Annysspruit 140 HT situated under the magisterial district of Mkhondo in Mpumalanga Province

Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Notre Coal (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation Application for proposed prospecting activities on portion 1 and a portion of the Remaining Extent of the Farm Annysspruit 140 HT, near Piet Retief, Mpumalanga Province (MP 30/5/1/1/2/17554 PR).

In an Interim Comment issued on the 26/09/2022, SAHRA requested that an assessment of the impact to heritage resources be undertaken 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.

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 15 boreholes (locations of these are known), mobile office and toilets, parking, access road, guard room, geological logging area, waste area, clean and dirty sump, diesel and water storage

The DBAR notes that a qualified archaeologist inspect the proposed prospecting sites prior to drilling to establish whether the sites may be sensitive from a heritage perspective. However, no assessment of the impact to heritage resources has been conducted as part of the EA application 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 cannot endorse this proposed development and advises the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) to reject the application for prospecting activities on portion 1 and a portion of the Remaining Extent of the Farm Annysspruit 140 HT,

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near Piet Retief, Mpumalanga Province (MP 30/5/1/1/2/17554 PR) as the impact to heritage resources as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(3) and 38(8) of the NHRA has not been conducted as part of the EA process.

This comment must be forwarded directly to the competent authorities and proof of the submission and receipt thereof must be provided to SAHRA.

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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