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## Final Comment

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

Attention: Mr Walter Murray

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**Nomamix (Pty) Ltd (the applicant) is applying for the right to prospect Platinum Group Metals on Portions 0(RE), 1, 2, 6 and 7 of the Farm Mareesburg 8 JT situated approximately 30 km south of the Steelpoort region. The project area falls within the jurisdiction of the Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality and the Sekhukhune District Municipality of the Limpopo Province.**

Normamix (Pty) Ltd is proposing to undertake non-invasive prospecting on the farms Moordkopje 814 LR and Zwartfontein 813 LR, Mogalakwena Local Municipality of the Limpopo Province. The prospecting work programme will not include invasive activities. The extent of the proposed prospecting area is 4095 ha.

They have appointed Environmental Management Services (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 Background Information Document (BID) and Basic Assessment Report (BAR) was been submitted to SAHRA in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 25 of 1999 for commenting.

A Heritage Impact Assessment by Beyond Heritage (Pty) Ltd has been submitted to SAHRA in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 25 of 1999 for commenting.

*Van der Walt, J. August 2022. Heritage Scoping Assessment - For the Nomamix (Pty) Ltd Non-invasive Prospecting - Mareesburg, Limpopo.*

The study area is known for the occurrence of well preserved precolonial stone aged sites and farming community sites with extensive stone walled sites. There have been numerous heritage surveys within the region and portions of the study area were surveyed previously. From these previous reports the current report has mapped out known heritage sites and provided a sensitivity map. There are known graveyards in the



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study area and the author recommends that these graves are avoided when undertaking seismic surveys. The study area is located within a zone of insignificant palaeontological sensitivity. The verified Archaeological desktop assessment determined that the area is of medium to high significance with the verified palaeontology desktop assessment determined the area as low significance. The author recommends a heritage walkdown of the study area if any invasive activities are planned.

### Final Comment

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology, and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes and accepts the submission of the draft BAR, and HIA reports. SAHRA has no objections to the proposed development on the following conditions:

38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit and the Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit has no objections to the proposed development;

38(4)b – The recommendations provided by the heritage specialists are supported and must be adhered to. Additional further specific conditions are provided for the development as follows:

If the proposed prospecting plan changes and a need for invasive activities are included then a field based assessment of heritage resources by a suitably qualified archaeologist and an assessment of impacts to palaeontological resources by a suitably qualified palaeontologist must be undertaken. The reports must be submitted to SAHRA for commenting.

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 APM Unit (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Phillip Hine 021 202 8654) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offence 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 Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Ngqalabutho Madida 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offence 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;

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

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significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA; The Final BAR must be submitted to SAHRA for record purposes; The decision regarding the EA Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application.

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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South African Heritage Resources Agency

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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/605011>

**Terms & Conditions:**

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.

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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.