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Interim Comment

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

Attention: GEJ Resources (Pty) Ltd

Prospecting Right Application, including bulk sampling, for iron ore and manganese ore over the Farm Billinghurst 681, Kuruman District, Northern Cape Province

M and S Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by GEJ Resources (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation Application for proposed prospecting activities on Farm Billinghurst 681, near Glosam, Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/1/2/13182 PR).

A Draft Scoping Report (DSR) 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 will include 15 boreholes (15 m x 15 m each) and 10 trenches (10 m x 75 m x 40 m each) (proposed locations of these are provided), blasting, mobile offices and ablution facilities, diesel tanks, processing plant, possible roads, salvage yard, stockpile area, wash bay, waste rock dumps, weigh bridge and control room, and workshop.

It is noted that a specialist will be appointed to conduct a Palaeontological assessment to determine if any heritage sites of importance are located in the area.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that an assessment of the impact to heritage resources be undertaken as part of the EA process that complies with section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) as required by section 38(8) of the NHRA. The HIA must include an archaeological and palaeontological component.

The field-based archaeological component of the HIA must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist and must comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports (see www.asapa.co.za or www.aphp.org.za for a list of qualified archaeologists).

The proposed development is located within an area of moderate and very high Palaeontological Sensitivity as

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per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such, a field-based Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist. (See <https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html> for a list of qualified palaeontologists). The report must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments. The standards also refer to a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption for further assessment should the specialist deem it appropriate.

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 viewsapes must also be assessed.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested reports and draft EIA inclusive of all 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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