MINING RIGHT APPLICATION BY RENAISSANCE RESOURCES ON LANYON VALE, HAY

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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: Willie Oosthuizen Wadala Mining and Consulting Pty Ltd

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Wadala Mining and Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Renaissance Resources (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation Application for proposed mining activities on Portion 15 and Portion 23 of the farm Lanyon Vale 376, near Douglas, Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/3/2/10202 MR).

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 mining activities will include open cast mining, water pipelines, clean and dirty water system, possible storage dam and tanks, access and haul roads, diesel storage, clearance of vegetation, stockpiles, office complex, temporary workshop facilities, storage facilities, ablution facilities, waste disposal site within an application area of 4 346.5033 ha.

The DSR states that a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment and Palaeontological Study will be done.

Interim Comment

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) unit notes the pending assessments to the impact of heritage resources. The assessment must include an assessment of the impact to archaeological and palaeontological resources. The field-based assessment of archaeological resources must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist and the report comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports (see <u>www.asapa.co.za</u> or <u>www.aphp.org.za</u> for a list of qualified archaeologists).

The proposed development is located within an area of moderate and high Palaeontological Sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such, a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist. (See <u>https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html</u> for a list of qualified palaeontologists). The report must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological

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Components of Heritage Impact Assessments. The Minimum Standards refer to a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption for further studies 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 viewscapes must also be assessed.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the draft EIA documents inclusive of 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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