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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

Prospecting Right application by Northern Spark Trading on Brakfontein 376, Hopetown Northern Cape Province

Wadala Mining and Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Northern Spark Trading 428 (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation Application for proposed prospecting activities on Brakfontein 276, Hopetown Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/1/2/13215 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 150 pits (2 x 3 x 0.5?5 m deep), 30 trenches (100 x 50 0.5?5 m deep), water pipelines, clean and dirty water system, clean water dam or return water dam, diesel storage, access and haul roads, office complex, processing plant, temporary workshop facilities, storage facilities, ablution facilities and stockpiles within an application area of 2 145.8123 ha.

It is noted that the DSR states that an assessment of the impact to heritage resources will be done as part of the EIA phase.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that the pending assessment of the impact to heritage resources complies with section 38(3) of the 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 high Palaeontological Sensitivity as per

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the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such, a desktop 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.

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 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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