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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: Jaments (Pty) Ltd

Pentagon House, 5 Neven Street, Model Park, eMalahleni

Proposed Prospecting Right Application for PGMs, Copper, Nickel, Cobalt, Chrome, and Gold on RE of Portion 1, 2, 4, RE of Portion 5, 7, 11 and 13 of the Farms Rietfontein 375 KT and Zwakwater 377 KT situated under Lydenburg Magestrial district in Mpumalanga Province.

Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Jaments (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation Application for proposed prospecting activities on RE of Portion 1, 2, 4, RE of Portion 5, 7, 11 and 13 of the Farms Rietfontein 375 KT and Zwakwater 377 KT, near Lydenburg, Mpumalanga Province (MP 30/5/1/1/2 17297 PR).

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 will include 15 boreholes, vegetation clearance, access roads, mobile offices and toilets, guard room, geological core logging area, parking lot, clean and dirty sump within an application area of 4 696.860 ha.

No assessment of the impact to heritage resources has been conducted 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 requests an assessment of the impact to heritage resources that complies with section 38(3) of the NHRA as required by section 38(8) of the NHRA be completed as part of the EA application. 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

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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 areas 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 <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 revised BAR that incorporates the results of the heritage assessments.

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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