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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: Lazalelihloko Mining and Projects (Pty) Ltd

MINING RIGHT AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION APPLICATION ON ALL PORTIONS OF THE FARM VLAKLAAGTE 107 IS UNDER BETHAL MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE: DMRE REF NUMBER: MP 30/5/1/2/2/ 10342 MR

Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd have been appointed by Lazalelihloko Mining and Projects (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for proposed mining activities on all Portions of the Farm Vlaklaagte 107, near Bethal, Mpumalanga Province (MP 30/5/1/2/2/ 10342 MR).

A Draft Scoping Report 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 activities will include opencast mining, blasting, access and haul roads, offices with ablution facilities, weighbridge, workshop and store, diesel facilities and hardstand, powerline and water pipelines, stockpiles, surface water management infrastructure, and crushing and screening facilities within an application area of 2 736.340 ha.

The DSR states that a Heritage Impact Assessment inclusive of a Palaeontological Impact Assessment will be conducted as part of the EIA phase of the EA application.

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SAHRA requests that the pending assessment of the impacts to heritage resources complies with section 38(3) of the NHRA as required by section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) and section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA be conducted as part of the EA process.

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 www.asapa.co.za or www.aphp.org.za for a list of qualified archaeologists).

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

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 heritage 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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