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Final Comment

In terms of Section 38(3), 38(4), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Kedjona Mining and Exploration (Pty) Ltd

Mining right application on Leeuwklip 363 JS (all portions excluding 5 & 8) and Goedverwacht 354 JS for Iron Ore (Fe), Titanium (Ti), Vanadium (V), Chrome (Cr), Copper (Cu), Nickel (Ni), Cobalt (Co), Gold (Au) and Platinum Group Metals (PGM).

Kimopax (Pty) Ltd have been appointed by Kedjona Mining and Exploration (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation Application for proposed mining activities on Leeuwklip 363 JS (all portions excluding 5 & 8) and Goedverwacht 354 JS, near Belfast, Mpumalanga Province (DMRE REF: MP30/5/1/2/2/10352 MR).

A Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (DEIA) 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). It must be stated that SAHRA was not consulted in the Scoping Phase of the EA application process. The proposed mining will include an open cast pit (30 ha), trenches (1 ha), processing plant, stockpiles, pollution control dam, conveyor, blasting, fencing within an application area of 4 188.1577 ha.

No assessment of the impact to heritage resources has been conducted as part of the EA application 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 cannot endorse this proposed development and advises the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) to reject the application for mining activities on Leeuwklip 363 JS (all portions excluding 5 & 8) and Goedverwacht 354 JS, near Belfast, Mpumalanga Province (DMRE REF: MP30/5/1/2/2/10352 MR) as the impact to heritage resources as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(3) and 38(8) of the NHRA has not been conducted as part of the EA process.

**Mining Right Application for Vanadium, Titanium and Iron Ore for Kedjona
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This comment must be forwarded directly to the competent authorities and proof of the submission and receipt thereof must be provided to SAHRA.

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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