### **Brown Shaft and Conveyor at Goedehoop Colliery**

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### **Interim Comment**

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

Attention: Geovicon P.O. Box 4050 Middelburg 1050

# PROPOSED BROWN SHAFT AND CONVEYOR AT THE GOEDEHOOP COLLIERY, CLOSE TO MIDDELBURG, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

Van Vollenhoven, A. (July 2012). Proposed Brown Shaft and Conveyor at the Goedehoop Colliery, close to Middelburg, Mpumalanga Province

Thank you for submitting the Draft Scoping Report for the above project to SAHRA on 7 June 2013. The project consists of the proposed expansion of the existing Goedehoop Colliery Discard Dump, the construction of the proposed Discard Retreat Plant and Elders Retreat Plant as well as the construction of a Briquetting Plant project.

The above HIA was submitted to SAHRA in support of the proposed development. No heritage resources were identified in this report. It should be noted, however, that the above report does not satisfy SAHRA's minimum requirements for a heritage impact assessment and has therefore been assessed as a letter requesting exemption from conducting further heritage studies.

No assessment of impacts of the proposed development on palaeontological resources has yet been submitted to SAHRA. According to information contained in the Draft Scoping Report, the development area is underlain by the Dwyka Group and the Vryheid Formation of the Ecca Group. The Vryheid Formation has been identified as having medium heritage significance in terms of its palaeontological resources.

## **Interim Comment**

Before SAHRA is able to issue a Final Comment on this proposed development, more information is required in terms of the impacts of the proposed development on palaeontological heritage resources. As such, SAHRA requires that a Desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment be completed and submitted to SAHRA.

Please can you ensure that SAHRA receives the relevant documentation such that SAHRA can issue a Final Comment on this application. This should be done via SAHRIS, the online heritage management system, at <a href="https://www.sahra.org.za">www.sahra.org.za</a>.

Should it not be possible to adhere to the above conditions, the applicant must consult with SAHRA regarding the reasons for non-compliance. We look forward to hearing from you.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.



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## Yours faithfully

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