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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Envirogistics (Pty) Ltd

Dwarsrivier Storm Water Management

Dwarsrivier Chrome Mine (Pty) Ltd have appointed Envirogistics (Pty) Ltd to undertake a Basic Assessment application process in support for an Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act no 107 of 1998 (NEMA) as amended, and in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No 28 of 2002) (MPRDA), for activities that trigger the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) 2014 Regulations, as amended.

Dwarsrivier is proposing to upgrade their existing stormwater management system by constructing a trench at the North Shaft operational area to facilitate the separation/ diversion of clean stormwater away from the mine's operational areas at their North shaft area, on portion RE of the Farm Dwarsrivier 372KT, Fetakgomo/Greater Tubatse Local Municipality of the Limpopo Province. An additional basic assessment process is being undertaken for the electricity generation and ventilation shaft project, and the case on SAHRIS is Case ID 21083 (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/dwarsrivier-ventilation-shaft>).

A Heritage Impact Assessment report by Beyond Heritage (Pty) Ltd has been submitted to SAHRA for commenting in terms of section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, no. 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Van der Walt, J. March 2023. Heritage Impact Assessment for Project 1 - Proposed Upgrade To The North Mine Storm Water Channel; Project 2 - Proposed Ventilation Shaft, Electricity Generation And Distribution Infrastructure, As Well As A Underground Fuel Distribution Facility At The Dwarsrivier Chrome Mine, Near Steelpoort, Limpopo Province.

The author undertook a field assessment of the proposed mine right area, and did not identify any heritage resources within the proposed Project area. The area has been changed by recent mining activities and the area is considered to have low heritage potential, as such, the author recommends the ECO implements chance finds procedures included in the HIA report under section 10.2.

The study area has negligible and low palaeontological significance as seen on the SAHRIS palaeomap and

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the palaeomap policy does not require an assessment of impacts, only a Fossil Chance Finds Procedure for low areas.

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The SAHRA Development Applications Unit (DAU) notes the submission of the HIA report however, the case will be processed once the Basic Assessment report is submitted to the case.

The SAHRA awaits the submission of the BAR report to the case.

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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