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Final Comment

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

Attention: Cape Copper Resources (Pty) Ltd

NababEEP Mine Office, Main Street, NababEEP, 8265

Proposed extension of NababEEP mine on a 5Ha Portion of the Remainder Farm NababEEP 134

NJ Van Zyl has been appointed by Cape Copper Resources (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation Application for the proposed extension of the NababEEP mine on a 5Ha Portion of the Remainder Farm NababEEP 134, in NababEEP, Northern Cape Province (NC30/5/1/3/2/11023MP).

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 mining activities will include an extension of the current hard rock mining operations.

Orton, J. 2023. Okiep Copper Mines (Pty) Ltd (Metorex) Mining Permit Application, Remainder of NababEEP 134, Namaqualand (11023MP): Exemption Request

The Exemption Request letter states that the development area has been highly disturbed by previous mining activities and the development footprint is located in an area of insignificant sensitivity for palaeontological resources. No further heritage assessment is recommended.

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The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be included in the Final BAR and EMPr:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA has no objections to the proposed development;
- 38(4)b – The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. No further additional specific conditions are provided for the development;
- 38(4)c(i) – If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash

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concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA (Natasha Higgitt 012 202 8660) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offence in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;

- 38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/ Ngqabutho Madida 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offence in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)d – See section 51(1) of the NHRA regarding offences;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:
 - i) If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA;
- The Final BAR and EMPr must be submitted to the SAHRIS application for record purposes;
- This comment must be submitted directly to the competent authority for their consideration during the decision-making process. Proof of the submission and receipt thereof must be provided to SAHRA;
- The decision regarding the EA application must be submitted to the SAHRIS application for record purposes.

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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Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.