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

Attention: Amber Earth (Pty) Ltd

Prospecting Right Application without Bulk Sampling by means of 40 boreholes with a diameter of 64mm to a depth of 150m with a further 40 depending on the results of the previous phase on the Remaining Extent of Lehating 741, near Hotazel in the Northern Cape Province.

Eaglesage (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Alpha Energy Ventures (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation Application for proposed prospecting activities on the Remaining Extent of Lehating 741, near Hotazel, Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/1/2/13300 PR).

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 prospecting activities will include 40 boreholes to be drilled within an application area of 427.5658 ha.

Prof Marion Bamford and Dr Xander Antonites were appointed to provide heritage specialist input as per section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Bamford, M. 2023. Palaeontological Impact Assessment for the Prospecting Right Application on Farm Lehating 471, northeast of Hotazel, Northern Cape Province

The proposed development area is underlain by fluvial and aeolian sands of the Quaternary Kalahari Group that might cover and obscure fossil traps such as palaeo-pans and palaeo-springs, however, no such features are visible from satellite imagery. A Fossil Chance Finds Procedure is recommended.

Antonites, X. 2023. Heritage Impact Assessment Report: Prospecting Right Application without Bulk Sampling on the Remaining Extent of Lehating 741, near Hotazel in the Northern Cape Province

No heritage resources were identified as part of the assessment. A Chance Finds Procedure is recommended to be implemented.

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SAHRA requests that the submitted HIA be revised to include a map of the track-log of the conducted survey. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of an amended HIA.

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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