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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Cipla Projects (Pty) Ltd

Section 102 Application, to include bulk sampling into existing Prospecting Right, over Remaining Extent, Portion 1, Portion 2 and Portion 3 of the Farm Vlakfontein 433, Hay District

M and S Consulting have been appointed by Cipla Projects (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application in support of a Section 102 Amendment process for the extension of prospecting activities as part of an approved Prospecting Right and EA (NC 30/5/1/1/2/12276 PR) on Remaining Extent, Portion 1, Portion 2 and Portion 3 of the Farm Vlakfontein 433, near Beeshoek, Northern Cape Province.

A Draft Scoping Report (DSR) 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 activities include drilling of 60 boreholes, 12 trenches (70 m x 20 m), blasting, storage of diesel, mobile offices and ablution facilities, processing plant, roads, salvage yard, wash bay, waste rock dumps, weighbridge and control room, and workshop within an application area of 3 661.5088 ha.

It is noted that the DSR states that a Heritage Impact Assessment and Palaeontological Impact Assessment will be conducted as part of the EIA.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that the pending assessments of the impact to heritage resources to be undertaken as part of the EA process that complies with section 38(3) of the NHRA as required by section 38(8) of the NHRA. The HIA must include an archaeological and palaeontological component.

The field-based archaeological component of the HIA must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist and must comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports (see www.asapa.co.za or www.aphp.org.za for a list of qualified archaeologists).

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The proposed development is located within an area of moderate and high Palaeontological Sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such, a desktop based Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist. (See <https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html> for a list of qualified palaeontologists). The report must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments.

Any other heritage resources as defined in section 3 of the NHRA that may be impacted, such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above pending reports and DEIA that incorporates the results of the heritage specialist reports.

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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