



## Letter

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

Attention: Ms Kelly Nesbitt

Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd

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### AN APPLICATION FOR AN EXPLORATION RIGHT ON VARIOUS PORTIONS ON VARIOUS PARENT FARMS LOCATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF LYDENBURG IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

Thank you kindly for the above notification dated 19 June 2013 of your application for an exploration right on various portions on various parent farms located in the Magisterial District of Lydenburg in the Mpumalanga Province.

Your letter indicates that SAHRA has been identified as an interested and affected party. Please note that SAHRA is a Commenting Authority in terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, and **must** provide comment on the impact assessment reports completed for the proposed project prior to authorisation.

The above notification letter does not provide sufficient information on the methodology intended for the proposed exploration and as such, SAHRA is as yet unable to assess the impact of the proposed exploration on heritage resources as is required in terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act.

As such, the following information is required in order for SAHRA to comment on the proposed exploration;

A heritage impact assessment is therefore required to assess the impacts of the proposed exploration on heritage resources. This report should be inclusive of an assessment of impacts to archaeological resources, an assessment of impacts to palaeontological resources and an assessment of impacts to the identified structures by suitably qualified practitioners. This assessment of heritage resources must satisfy Section 38(3) of the NHRA. This report must contain information regarding the methodology proposed in the exploration as well as the location of the areas to be impacted.

The requested Archaeological Report must identify the archaeological sites to be impacted, assess their significance and make recommendations (as indicated in section 38(3) of the NHRA) about what mitigation may be required. See [www.asapa.org.za](http://www.asapa.org.za) for a list of accredited Archaeologists.

A Palaeontological study must be undertaken to assess whether or not the development will impact upon significant palaeontological resources. Alternatively, a letter of exemption from a Palaeontologist is required to





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indicate that this is unnecessary. If the area is deemed sensitive or if significant heritage is identified, a full Palaeontological Report may be required. See [www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za](http://www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za) for a list of accredited Palaeontologists.

The impacts of the proposed development on any other heritage resources 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 significant cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed.

Please ensure that this heritage impact assessment is submitted to SAHRA. SAHRA looks forward to receiving this heritage report and will provide comment before the project can commence.

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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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/123129>



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