



## Letter

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

Attention: Envass  
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**Consultation in terms of section 40 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 2002, (Act 28 of 2002) for the approval of a scoping report for a mining right in respect of Manganese on the remaining extent, remaining extent of portion 3 and portion 8 of the farm Mamatwan No.331, situated in the Magisterial District of Kuruman, Northern Cape Region.**

We have received notification of your application for an environmental management plan in respect of mining permit for manganese ore.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA), no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. This means that before such sites are disturbed by development it is incumbent on the developer (or mine) to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment is done in terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act. This must include the archaeological component as well as any other applicable heritage components. Appropriate mitigation, which may involve recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed, must be done as required.

In the EMP submitted to SAHRA, you indicate that an HIA will be completed. SAHRA endorses this recommendation and requires that the completed HIA comply with Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act as well as SAHRA's Minimum Standards for Impact Assessments (2007).

The Heritage Impact Assessment must assess impacts to all heritage resources including archaeology, palaeontology, geological heritage, significant structures, burial grounds and graves as well as any other heritage resources. An assessment of the significance of these resources must be provided as well as any proposed measures to mitigate the impact of the proposed development.

SAHRA looks forward to receiving this study before commenting further.

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:**

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