

Letter

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

Attention: West Wits MLI (Pty) Limited

NOTIFICATION REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR A PROSPECTING RIGHT ON PORTIONS 143, 174, RE 18, RE 152, RE & RE 161 OF THE FARM VOGELSTRUISFONTEIN 231 IQ AND PORTIONS 17 & RE 36 OF THE FARM VOGELSTRUISFONTEIN 233 IQ IN THE DISTRICT OF JOHANNESBURG, GAUTENG PROVINCE.

Thank you for the submission of the Draft Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and a letter of motivation for exemption from undertaking a Heritage Impact Assessment for the prospecting application.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, 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 to ensure that a **Heritage Impact Assessment** is done. This must include the archaeological component (Phase 1) and any other applicable heritage components. Appropriate (Phase 2) mitigation, which involves recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed, must be done as required.

Considering that prospecting will be confined to areas already highly disturbed by previous mining and that the total footprint of prospecting will be small, approximately 100 m², SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit exempts the developer from undertaking a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment and a Palaeontological Impact Assessment. This exemption is valid for the prospecting activities only and should prospecting progress to mining, a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment will have to be undertaken. Since the area is of low palaeontological significance, no studies are required.

If any new evidence of archaeological sites or artefacts, graves or other heritage resources are found during prospecting, SAHRA and a professional archaeologist must be alerted immediately.

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/155522>

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.

