



Letter

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

Attention: Adistra 11 CC

CONSULTATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 40 OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT 2002, (ACT 28 OF 2002) FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR PROSPECTING RIGHT ON THE FARM NO 395, SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF BARKLEY WEST, NORTHERN CAPE REGION. PPLICANT: Adistra 11 CC

Thank you for informing SAHRA of the proposed prospecting for diamonds on Farm No. 395, Barkly West. It is noted that the proposed prospecting activities will use invasive methods including percussion drilling, core drilling and sampling.

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. Before such sites are disturbed by development, or mining, it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment is done in terms of Section 38(8) of the NHRA. This report must assess the impact of the proposed development on heritage resources and must provide possible mitigation measures, which may involve recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed.

According to the submitted EMP, Canteen Koppie falls within the proposed prospecting area. This site is known for its abundant Earlier Stone Age artefacts as well as its mining heritage. Please note that this site is a declared Provincial Heritage Site in terms of Section 27 of the National Heritage Resources Act. (Declared 1948, Gazette No. 3927). As such, it is imperative that SAHRA and the Northern Cape Provincial Heritage Authority be provided with a map of the area proposed for prospecting to determine whether the PHS will be impacted.

The letter to McGregor Museum requesting that a Heritage Impact Assessment be conducted, included in the Appendices of the EMP dated 10 February 2014 is also noted.

Before SAHRA is able to comment further, the following information is required;

- A map of the boundary of the proposed prospecting area to determine if the declared Provincial Heritage Site will be impacted, and as such, who the relevant authority is to provide comment
- This map will also inform SAHRA with regard to the palaeontological sensitivity of the area proposed for prospecting and the possible requirement of a Palaeontological Impact Assessment
- The requested Heritage Impact Assessment as discussed in the letter included in the EMP dated 10 February 2014.



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SAHRA will await the submission of the requested information 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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