Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Programme for Tharisa Minerals (Pty) Ltd

Our Ref: 5442

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Letter

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

Attention: Mr Thulani Ntshanga Tharisa Minerals (Pty) Ltd Eland House 3 Eaton Place Bryanston 2021

Changes to the pit, tailings dam and waste rock facilities, a chrome sand drying plant and other operational and surface infrastructure changes at Tharisa Mine that is located near the town of Marikana in the Rustenburg Local and Bojanala Platinum District Municipalities of the North West Province.

Thank you for the submission of the Draft Scoping Report with regard to above mentioned application.

In terms of the potential impact of heritage resources, it is noted that existing Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment will be used to determine the possible impacts for the mining right area. It is further noted that a new Phase 1 AIA will be commissioned for the east waste rock dump project site. In addition SAHRA notes that a Palaeontologist will be consulted regarding possible palaeontological resources that may be affected.

Considering that the original heritage assessment dates to 2007 it is requested that the recommendations be re-evaluated to ascertain the condition of the heritage resources during this time. According to SAHRA records this report by Dr Julius Pistorius was never submitted to SAHRA for comment.

SAHRA will await the results of the new archaeological and palaeontological assessment before issuing a final comment on this project. All areas not previously surveyed and which will be impacted by current developments will will also have to be surveyed.

Any other heritage resources 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 viewscapes must also be assessed.

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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Direct URL to case: http://www.sahra.org.za/node/162472

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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.

