

## Final Comment

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

Attention: Mukope Group (Pty) Ltd  
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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 AN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR PROSPECTING RIGHT ON REMAINDER OF FARM NO. 430, REMAINDER OF FARM DOWNS NO. 581, REMAINDER AND PORTION 3 OF FARM 561, REMAINDER OF FARM BROKEN HILL NO. 428, REMAINDER, PORTION 1 AND 3 OF FARM ANNEX LINKSFONTEIN NO. 423, REMAINDER AND PORTION 1 OF FARM NO. 423, PORTION 2 OF FARM KAALKOL ANNEXE NO. 426, REMAINDER OF FARM NO. 421 AND REMAINDER OF FARM NO. 420 AND REMAINDER OF FARM NO. 427, SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF HAY, NORTHERN CAPE REGION. APPLICANT: Mukope Group (Pty) Ltd**

Many thanks for informing SAHRA of the application for prospecting right on various farms in the magisterial district of Hay in the Northern Cape. Planned activities associated with the prospecting include the drilling of approximately 12 boreholes, and the possible construction of new roads.

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 generally 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, to the satisfaction of the relevant heritage authority. This report must assess the impact of the proposed mining or prospecting on heritage resources and must provide possible mitigation measures, which may involve recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed.

Based on the information in the EMP, no heritage resources have been identified on any of the farms proposed for prospecting. Please note that heritage resources such as archaeology and palaeontology are protected and require a permit for any disturbance of such sites. Often, specialist knowledge is required to identify these resources.

According to the EMP, the area proposed for prospecting is underlain by the Campell Rand Subgroup of the Ghaap Group. This geology has moderate to low palaeontological significance.

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Based on the information submitted, and the limited prospecting proposed, it is unlikely that significant heritage resources will be impacted by the proposed work. As such, SAHRA has no objection to the proposed prospecting on condition that;

- Any impact to structures older than 60 years will require a permit from the Northern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority in terms of Section 34 of the NHRA.

- If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, marine shell and charcoal/ash concentrations), unmarked human burials, fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA APM Unit (Jenna Lavin/Colette Scheermeyer 021 462 4502) must be alerted immediately, and a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.

Please note that should the prospecting advance to an application for mining right, a new submission will be required and further heritage studies may be necessary.

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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Jenna Lavin  
Heritage Officer  
South African Heritage Resources Agency

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**ADMIN:**

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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.