

Letter

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

Attention: Black Mountain Mining (PTY) LTD
1 Penge Road
Aggeneys
8893

Planned prospecting for Copper Ore (Cu), Zinc Ore (Zn), Lead Ore (Pb), Iron Ore (Fe), Manganese Ore (Mn) as well as Gold Ore (Au), Silver Ore (Ag) and all associated minerals, on the following properties, Portion 2 Rozynbosch No. 41, Portion 1 Koenabib No. 43, and Remainder and Portion 1 Wortel No. 42, Namakwa District Municipality, Northern Cape Province

Thank you for your indication that development is taking place in this area.

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 (HIA)** 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.

It is noted that the EMP was not submitted to SAHRA, but that only the photographs and maps of the area to be prospected. It is further noted that twelve boreholes will be prospected.

According to the SAHRA fossil sensitivity map (<http://www.sahra.org.za/map/palaeo>) the area is considered to be moderate palaeontological sensitivity. In these instances a desktop assessment is usually required, and dependent on the results of the desktop study, field assessment may also be needed. However, considering that SAHRA does not have adequate information regarding the proposed prospecting activities, it is not possible at this stage to indicate what studies, if required, must be undertaken for this application. SAHRA therefore requires that the EMP be submitted in order for SAHRA to make an informed decision regarding this application.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

Prospecting right for minerals in the Aggeneys Area_b

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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/179373>
(DMR - NC, Ref:)

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.



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