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Final Comment

In terms of Section 38(4), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mrs Anette Basson
De Beers Consolidated Mines - Kimberley Mines
36 Stockdale street
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8300

NC 30/5/1/1/2/11445 PR Arnotsdale: • PORTION 6 (VAALBOSCHLAAGTE – PORTION OF PORTION 2) OF THE FARM SCHOLTZFONTein SOUTH 165 AND • THE FARM ARNOTS DALE 175

McGregor Museum has been appointed by De Beers Consolidated Mines (Pty) Limited to conduct a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) for one proposed drill sites on Scholtzfontein South 165, near Hopetown, Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/1/2/11445 PR).

In a letter issued on the 06/03/2015, SAHRA noted that a Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment would be undertaken before the commencement of the drilling and requested that a palaeontological assessment be carried out.

Since the issuing of the letter, the HIA compiled by McGregor Museum has been submitted.

Morris, D. 2020. Heritage Impact Assessment for proposed drilling site at Scholtzfontein South 165, near Hopetown, Northern Cape.

Isolated Stone Age lithics of low heritage significance were identified at the proposed drill site. A Chance Finds Procedure must be followed.

In an Interim Comment issued on the 21/10/2020, SAHRA requested that the previously requested Palaeontological assessment be submitted for review. The PIA report was submitted on SAHRIS on the 10/02/2021.

Butler, E. 2020. Palaeontological Desktop Assessment for the De Beers Consolidated Mines: Proposed drilling on Portion 6 of Scholtzfontein 165 and farm Arnotsdale 175, Herbert District in the Northern Cape

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While the proposed prospecting application area is underlain by Quaternary sediments of a locally high sensitivity and Jurassic Dolerite intrusions, the proposed drilling will be focused on the intrusive igneous rocks that do not contain fossils. A Chance Finds Protocol is recommended to be followed and is provided in the report.

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The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be included in the Final EMPr:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections to the proposed development;
- 38(4)b – The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. No further additional specific conditions are provided for the development;
- 38(4)c(i) – If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)d – See section 51(1) of the NHRA;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:
 - i) If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA;
- The decision regarding the EA application and PR application must be submitted to the SAHRIS application for record purposes.

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

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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/180551>
(DMR - NC, Ref: NC 30/5/1/1/2/11445 PR) (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.