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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
Kimberley
8300

NC 30/5/1/1/2/11530 PR Greeffputs 169: Portions of the remaining extent, portion 1 and portion 2 of the farm Greeffputs 169

McGregor Museum has been appointed by De Beers Consolidated Mines (Pty) Limited to conduct a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) for two proposed drill sites on Greeffputs 169, near Barkley West, Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/1/2/11530 PR).

It is not clear if the Environmental Authorisation (EA) or Prospecting Right has been granted to De Beers for the prospecting activities as it has been five years since the last comment was issued on this case. In a letter issued on the 27/03/2015, SAHRA noted that an Archaeological Impact Assessment would be conducted before drilling and bulk sampling takes place. It is noted that Phase 6 of the prospecting programme includes two large diameter boreholes (Table 3 of Environmental Management Plan). In a letter issued on the 24/11/2014, SAHRA noted that no further assessment of the impact to palaeontological resources was required.

Morris, D. 2020. Heritage Impact Assessment for proposed drilling site at Greeffputs 169, near Barkley West, Northern Cape.

Middle Stone Age artefacts of low significance were identified at proposed Drillhole ID 173033X825H1. No heritage resources were identified at the second borehole location. A Chance Finds Procedure must be followed.

In an Interim Comment issued on the 23/09/2020, SAHRA requested clarity regarding whether the EA or Prospecting Right has been granted to De Beers before further comments can be issued.

Since the issuing of the Interim Comment, De Beers has confirmed that the Prospecting Right has been

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granted.

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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 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.

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/182501>
(DMR - NC, Ref: NC 30/5/1/1/2/11530 PR) (, 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.