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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38 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 30/5/1/1/2/11530 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.

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SAHRA requests clarity regarding whether the EA or Prospecting Right has been granted to De Beers before further comments can be issued.

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Yours faithfully

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