

## Interim Comment

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

Attention: Pamish Investments No. 39 (Pty) Ltd

### Proposed Open Pit Magnetite Mine and Concentrator Plant, Mokopane, Limpopo Province

Pamish Investments No.39 (Pty) Ltd proposes to develop an opencast Magnetite mine near the town of Mokopane. The proposed development will be mining platinum group metals on the farms Vogelstruisfontein 765 LR, Vriesland 781 LR, Vleigekraal 783 LR, Schoonoord 786 LR and Portions 1; 2; 3; 4; 5 and 6 of the farm Bellevue 808 LR.

*Du Piesanie, J. March 2015. Environmental Authorisation for the Pamish Magnetite Mine Project Heritage Scoping Report.*

The author undertook a scoping field survey to identify any possible heritage resources including palaeontology within and surrounding the proposed project area. The area of Mokopane is known for the presence of heritage resources thus the report suggests for a Heritage Impact Assessment.

The geology and palaeontology of the area is largely of the palaeontologically insignificant Bushveld Complex except for the south-western part of the study area, which consists of the palaeontologically highly sensitive Malmani Dolomites. These form stromatolites and karsts related to the karst landscape of the Makapan Valley World Heritage Site outside the proposed area.

Thirteen archaeological sites were identified within the project area during the scoping phase, which are considered of high significance.

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SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit with the recommendations made in the Heritage Scoping Report:

A field based Heritage Impact Assessment should be conducted for the proposed development.

The development will be exempted from conducting a Palaeontological Impact Assessment.

No mining or development activities should be conducted in areas with karst formations.

SAHRA will await the required study before making further comments on this development case.

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



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Yours faithfully

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