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## Letter

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) Attention: Tegeta Exploration & Resources (Pty) Ltd 178 Eccleston Crescent Klevehill Park Bryanston SANDTON CONSULTATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 40 OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT 2002, (ACT 28 OF 2002) FOR THE SCOPING REPORT FOR MINING RIGHT ON THE FARM LOHATLHA NO.673, SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF KURUMAN, NORTHERN CAPE REGION BY TEGETA RESOURCES (PTY) LTD.

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

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years and structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority.

In terms of Section 38(8) of the NHRA, before any development proposed in terms of the MPRDA (2002) is approved, it is incumbent on the developer (or mine) to ensure that a **Heritage Impact Assessment** is done that satisfies Section 38(3) of the NHRA. Appropriate mitigation, which involves recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed, may be required depending on the nature and significance of the resources identified.

Page 47 of the submitted application form indicates that "No cultural, or heritage sites of significance, have been observed as yet on the farm as yet" (sic), however no substantiating evidence is provided and it is not clear on what advice this recommendation is made.

A heritage impact assessment is therefore required to assess the impacts of the proposed mining on heritage resources.

This report should be inclusive of an assessment of impacts to archaeological resources, an assessment of impacts to palaeontological resources and an assessment of impacts to the identified structures by suitably qualified practitioners. This assessment of heritage resources must satisfy Section 38(3) of the NHRA.

The requested Archaeological Report must identify the archaeological sites to be impacted, assess their significance and make recommendations (as indicated in section 38(3) of the NHRA) about what mitigation may be required. See <a href="http://www.asapa.org.za">www.asapa.org.za</a> for a list of accredited Archaeologists.

A Palaeontological study must be undertaken to assess whether or not the development will impact upon significant palaeontological resources. Alternatively, a letter of exemption from a Palaeontologist is required to indicate that this is unnecessary. If the area is deemed sensitive or if significant heritage is identified, a full



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Palaeontological Report may be required. See <u>www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za</u> for a list of accredited Palaeontologists.

The impacts of the proposed development on any other heritage resources such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and significant cultural landscapes or viewscapes must also be assessed.

Please ensure that this heritage impact assessment is submitted to SAHRA. looks forward to receiving this heritage report and will provide comment before the project can commence.

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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