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Response to NID (Notification of Intent to Develop)

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

Attention: Samancor Chrome

Prospecting Right Application for Chrome. This application has now been amended to reduce the area. The new reference number is NW 11823 PR. The map will be attached

Samancor Chrome Ltd has amended their application for prospecting right licence for the farm Hartebeestpoort 410 JQ, Madibeng Local Municipality in North-West Province. It is noted that the amended BID does not include the farms Wolwedrift 414 JQ, Uitvalgrond 416JQ, Uitvalgrond 970 JQ and Kareespoort 407 JQ. However as invasive prospecting is still part of the 5 year prospecting work programme our Notification of Intent to Development (NID) dated 18/12/2015.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA), no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. This means that before such sites are disturbed by development it is incumbent on the developer (or mine) to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is done. This must include the archaeological component (Phase 1) and any other applicable heritage components. Appropriate (Phase 2) mitigation, which involves recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed, must be done as required.

SAHRA Notification of Development comment

"The quickest process to follow for the archaeological component is to contract an accredited specialist (see the web site of the Association of Southern African Professional Archaeologists www.asapa.org.za) to provide a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment Report. This must be done before any large development takes place.

The Phase 1 Impact Assessment Report will identify the archaeological sites and assess their significance. It should also make recommendations (as indicated in section 38) about the process to be followed. For example, there may need to be a mitigation phase (Phase 2) where the specialist will collect or excavate material and date the site. At the end of the process the heritage authority may give permission for destruction

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of the sites.

The PalaeoSensitivity Map on SAHRIS (<http://www.sahra.org.za/sahris/map/palaeo>) indicates low palaeontological sensitivity in the proposed area. Therefore no palaeontological studies are required for the proposed area.

If the property is very small or disturbed and there is no significant site the heritage specialist may choose to send a letter to the heritage authority to indicate that there is no necessity for any further assessment.

Any other heritage resources that may be impacted 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 cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed."

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/350288>
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