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## Interim Comment

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

Attention: Northern Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism

**Project Name: Metals Industrial Cluster near Kuruman Applicant: Northern Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism Location: The cluster is planned on ERF 6253 (Portion of ERF 1), ~2km south east from the town of Kuruman. The proposed site falls within the Ga-Segonyana Local Municipality and the greater John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality Proposed Activity: The construction of a Metals Industrial Cluster. Steel manufacturing will be the main focus while it allows for other metals related industries to locate in the cluster. The proposed cluster will start as a developmental initiative, driven strongly by a Cluster Management Company (CMC). The proposed development will extend over 20 years and will transition into 4 phases.**

Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd (Savannah) was appointed by the Northern Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the proposed Metals Industrial Cluster near Kuruman, Northern Cape Province. A Scoping Report was completed for the development in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014. The Cluster will consist predominantly of Small, Medium and Micro-sized Enterprises (SMME) and Small and Medium Enterprises (SME). These enterprises could possibly be of a light, medium or heavy industrial nature. Savannah contracted Jaco Van der Walt to conduct the Archaeological Scoping Study for the project.

*Van der Walt, 2016. Archaeological Scoping Report for the Metals Industrial Cluster near Kuruman, Northern Cape Province*

The Archaeological Scoping Study found that the larger study area in which the project area is located is rich in archaeological sites of great significance. However, previous studies in the studies adjacent the proposed project area have shown that very little archaeological material has been recorded in the immediate surrounding area. It is noted that if any pans or drainage lines occur within the project area, Stone Age artefacts scatters may be present.

Recommendations provided in the report include that a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) must be conducted as part of the EIA phase of the project.

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Regarding archaeological and palaeontological heritage resources, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit accepts the submitted Archaeological Scoping Report and respective recommendations. The following additional conditions must be adhered to and must form part of the final EIA Phase of the project:

A Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) must be completed for the proposed Metal Industrial Cluster near Kuruman. The HIA must include the following studies:

- An Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA);
- An assessment of Burial Grounds and Graves, if relevant;
- Incorporate comments regarding heritage resources recorded during the public consultation phase of the project if received;
- A VIA must be completed on identified heritage resources if relevant;
- As the proposed project is located within an area of high Palaeontological Sensitivity, a field-based Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be conducted as part of the EIA phase of the project.

Further comments will be published once the above has been submitted along with the EIA for the project.

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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**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.