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# Letter

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

<u>Attention:</u> Digby Wells Environmental Digby Wells Environmental

## Nel, J. February 2012. HERITAGE STATEMENT: ERGO MINING PROSPECTING LICENCE APPLICATION

The proposed project entails prospecting on:

Slimes Dam 6L16: Remaining Extent of the farm Grootvaly 124 IR; Slimes Dam 6L17: Portion 21 of the farm Grootvaly 124 IR; Slimes Dam 6L17A: Portion 13 of the farm Grootvaly 124 IR; and Slimes Dam 6L14: Portion 192 of Geduld 123 IR and Portion 6 of Grootvaly 124 IR.

The Heritage Statement did not identify any heritage resources in the immediate project areas that will be adversely impacted due the proposed prospecting activities. Results did indicate that various types of heritage resources exist in the general vicinity (such as areas associated with Struggle history). The author contends that such resources will not be affected by the current proposed project.

The author requests that Ergo Mining is exempted from undertaking Heritage Impact Assessments in respect of the Prospecting Right application on the slimes dams. Heritage Impact Assessments will however need to be completed in terms of any other activity that may affect heritage resources; this will include reclamation of the slimes dams.

### **Decision:**

The SAHRA APM Unit grants exemption from undertaking Heritage Impact Assessments in respect of prospecting activities for this project.

Please note that if any new evidence of archaeological sites or artefacts, palaeontological fossils, graves or other heritage resources are found during prospecting, SAHRA or an archaeologist must be alerted immediately.

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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#### ADMIN:

#### 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.



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