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## Interim Comment

**In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

Attention: Mr Marthinus Wessel Koekemoer

**The applicant applied for a Prospecting Right over: Kameelboom 150 HO: Remaining extent of Portion 4 (a portion of portion 3). Kameelbult 162 HO: Portion 12 (a portion of portion 6), Wolmaransstad district, North West Province.**

DERA Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by M.W Koekemoer to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for prospecting rights for alluvial Diamonds on the Farm Kameelboom 150 HO, Remaining Extent of Portion 4 (a portion of portion 3) and the Farm Kameelbult 162 HO, Portion 12 (a portion of portion 6), Wolmaransstad, Maquassi Local Municipality, Dr. Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, North West Province (NW 30/5/1/1/2/13138 PR).

A Draft Scoping Report (DSR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, no 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development (28 of 2002 as amended). The scope of work entails 35 Test Pits on a 100 x 100m grid over an area of 339, 1576 ha.

On page 23 of the DSR it is stated that "no graveyard where observed, but this need to be confirmed with the landowner".

The south-eastern section of the development area cuts through a section of High Palaeontological Sensitivity as per SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity Maps.

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The SAHRA APM Unit acknowledges receipt of the DSR and observations made with regards to heritage resources. SAHRA request that an assessment of the impact of the proposed development be undertaken in terms of section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (25 of 1999) as part of the EA application process.

The proposed development has the potential to impact negative on heritage and/or cultural resources.

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Therefore a heritage impact assessment must be conducted. A field-based assessment of the impact to archaeological resources must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist. The report must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA and the SAHRA 2006 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Component of Impact Assessments, and the 2012 Minimum Standards: Archaeological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments. The Minimum Standards provides allowance for a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption that can be submitted by a qualified archaeologist should they deem it appropriate.

The south-eastern section of the development is an area of high palaeontological sensitivity. A desktop assessment of the impact to palaeontological resources must be undertaken and a field-based assessment may be required depending on the outcomes of the desktop study. The assessment must be conducted by a qualified palaeontologist. The report must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA and the SAHRA 2006 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Component of Impact Assessments, and the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments. The Minimum Standards provides allowance for a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption that can be submitted by a qualified palaeontologist should they deem it appropriate.

The assessment should include any other heritage resources that may be impacted such as built structures over 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.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above and DEIR.

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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