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Final Comment

In terms of Section 38(4), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Sunshine Mineral Reserves Pty Ltd

Sunshine Mineral Reserves (Pty) Ltd (hereafter referred to as Sunshine) holds an executed Prospecting Right (FS 30/5/1/1/2/10445 PR) and the associated granted Environmental Authorisation (FS 30/5/1/1/3/2/1/10445 EM). The Prospecting Right was executed by the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) Free State Regional Office in 2017 and is valid for a period of 5 years ending in 2022. The right considers non-invasive prospecting activities. Sunshine wish to make changes to the executed Prospecting Right by adding gold ore, silver ore, uranium ore, sulphur, pyrite, sulphur (in pyrite), platinum group metals, coal and heavy minerals on the Farm Adamsons Vley 655.

Sunshine Mineral Reserves (Pty) Ltd appointed Imbokodo Services (Pty) Ltd to undertake the Environmental Authorisation application for non invasive prospecting activities on the farms Jonkers Rust 72, Du Preez Leger 324, Adamsons Vley 655 and Stille Woning 703 in the Magisterial District of Virginia, Free State (FS 30/5/1/1/2/10445 PR).

An application without Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) documents was submitted to SAHRA on the 14/04/2020. The SAHRA APM unit issued an interim comment dated 27/05/2020 which requested the submission of the EIA and EMP. A Final Basic Assessment Report Final (FBAR) was submitted to the case on SAHRIS on the 04/05/2021.

The FBAR was submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, ACT 107 OF 1998) and the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA, ACT 28 OF 2002). The proposed project entails an amendment to a Prospecting Right to add prospecting for gold ore, silver ore, uranium ore, sulphur, pyrite, sulphur (in pyrite), platinum group metals, coal and heavy minerals.

The application area is approximately 2 398.65 hectares (ha) in aerial extent. The prospecting in eight phases namely desktop study and data acquisition, QA/QC of all data and database, database finalisation and initial modelling, field mapping, capturing of any new data, updating resource estimates, finalisation of resource estimates and scoping studies. No invasive activities will occur.

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Previous studies recorded over 20 built environment features north of the Sand River on the farms Jonkers Rust 72 and Du Preez Leger 324 have been recorded, such as homesteads and kraals. Over 12 built environment features have been recorded on Adamsons Vley 655, which are mostly homesteads. Several ruins have been recorded on the farm Stille Woning 703. There are over 32 built environment features located on the four affected farms. The likelihood of finding burial grounds and graves is high.

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The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 3(4) of the NEMA Regulations and section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be included in the Final BAR and EMPr:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections to the proposed amendment application;
- 38(4)b – No further additional specific conditions are provided for the development;
- The Final BAR and EMPR must be submitted on the SAHRIS Case application for record purposes;
- The decision regarding the EA Amendment Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application.

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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