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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: Biomed Projects and Supplies Pty Ltd

Biomed Projects and Supplies (Pty) Ltd has submitted a Mining Permit and Environmental Authorisation Application to the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) – North West Regional Office to mine cobalt, gold ore, copper ore, iron ore, manganese ore, vanadium ore, silica, clay, refractory clay and other associated minerals. The proposed Mining Permit Application is located on Farm 167 JP167 JP, within the jurisdiction of the Moses Kotane Local Municipality in the Bojanala Platinum Magisterial District, approximately 58 kilometres (km) southeast of Rustenburg in the North West Province of South Africa

Selahle Consultancy and Projects has been appointed by Biomed Projects and Supplies (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for a Mining Permit Application to mine Cobalt, Gold Ore, Iron Ore, Manganese Ore, Vanadium Ore, Silica, Clay, Refractory Clay, and other associated minerals on the Farm Davidskuil 167 JP near Rustenburg, Rustenburg Local Municipality, Bojanala District Municipality, North West Province (NW30/5/1/3/2/10798).

A draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) 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 Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (As Amended). The project infrastructure and activities will include removal of topsoil, overburden and stockpiles, site establishment (access route, equipment etc.), excavation of trenches and an open pit, blasting, loadzoning, crushing and screening, hauling and transportation, ablution facilities and waste storage area.

section 24.1.2 of the draft BAR covers the Heritage Impact Assessment of the proposed project and it is stated that the developer" believes that no heritage sites are present on Farm Davidskuil 167 JP that would require an Authorisation from the SAHRA. However, should the Competent Authority which is DMR North West office wish for the developer to undertake a Phase 1 HIA such will be duly done"

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The SAHRA APM Unit acknowledges receipt of the BAR application and request that the following is

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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 negatively on heritage and/or cultural resources, 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 applicant is also requested to upload the project geo-location kml. file to the GIS layer of the application on SAHRIS for the assessment of the potential impact of the development on Palaeontological heritage. Depending on the Palaeontological Sensitivity of the project foot print a Palaeontological Impact Assessment may be required. Such an 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 appendices of the DBAR. The applicant is advised to extend the EA process in terms of section 19(1)b of the NEMA EIA regulations in order to comply with this comment.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

**Mining Permit Application on Farm Davidskuil 167 JP, near Rustenburg,
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