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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 Maanda Justice Mudau

proposed Mining Permit application within Portion 60 of Farm Elandsfontein 440 JQ:, in the Magisterial District of Brits

Vinick (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Mbeu Trading and Projects to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed mining permit application of Cobalt, Chrome, PGM, Nickel, and Vanadium Ore within Portion 60 of the Farm Elandsfontein 440 JQ Brits, Rustenburg Local Municipality, Bojanala Platinum District, North West Province (NW 30/5/1/3/2/10903).

A Bid Document has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, no 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2017 (as amended) for activities that trigger the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (as amended). The scope of work entails an open cast method of excavation with associated infrastructure over an estimated area of 5 ha.

The proposed mining right application is located in an area of Low/Insignificant Palaeontological Significance as per PalaeoSensitivity Map on SAHRIS. No further Palaeontological studies are required for the project.

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The SAHRA APM Unit acknowledges receipt of the application and request that the following is undertaken in terms of section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (25 of 1999) as part of the EA application process:

The applicant is advise to upload all documents pertaining to the Environmental Authorisation Application Process. As per section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA), an assessment of heritage resources must form part of the process and the assessment must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA (25 of 1999).

Mining activities can 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

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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 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. 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

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