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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: Frans Jakobus Fourie

## To prospect for alluvial diamonds with test pits

DERA Environmental has been appointed by F J Fourie Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for a Prospecting Right Application on the Farm Commissies Rust 234 HO, Portion1, and Leeuwbosch 236 HO, Portion 3 of 1, Portion 4 of 2, Portion 5 of 2, Portion 6 of 2, and Portion 8 of 4, Lekwa-Teemane Local Municipality, Dr. Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District Municipality, North West Province, (NW 30/5/1/1/2/13317 PR).

A draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report 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 for activities that trigger the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (as Amended). The scope of work entails overall prospecting of an estimated area of 2045. 3241 ha. Test pits on a grid of 100 x 100 m and trenching (15) will be made. This will require associated infrastructure for services.

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

A heritage impact assessment of the potential impact of the proposed development. 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. Our Ref:



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A desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be undertaken to assess the potential impact of the proposed development to palaeontological resources due to its location in an area of both Moderate and High palaeontological sensitivity. 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 viewscapes must also be assessed.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above.

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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