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## Interim Comment

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

Attention: Vengablox Pty Ltd

### **The proposed mining of sand by Vengablox (Pty) Ltd over Portion 0 and Portion 1 (Remaining Extent) of the farm De Klerks Kraal No 231, Lejweleputswa Municipal District**

Vengablox (Pty) Ltd was appointed by Greenmined Environmental (Pty) Ltd to undertake the Environmental Authorisation (EA) application for the proposed mining of sand from 238.5426 ha that extends over Portion 0 and Portion 1 (Remaining Extent) of the Farm De Klerks Kraal No 231 RD within the Lejweleputswa magisterial District of the Free State Province.

A Draft Scoping Report (DSR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA Act 107 of 1998) and the National Environmental Management Waste Act, 2008, in respect of listed activities that have been triggered by applications in terms of the Mineral And Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA) (As Amended). The proposed mining right footprint is an extension of the existing Blazecor mining permit area (4.8 ha) located within Remaining Extent of Portion 0 of Farm De Klerks Kraal No 231. The mining right footprint will be divided into smaller mining areas of  $\pm 2.5$  ha each and they will be rehabilitated prior to the opening of other minor area. 1.5 ha will be used for the operation of the processing plant.

It is noted that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) (inclusive of an archaeological and palaeontological studies) will be conducted for the proposed mining right area. The findings of the specialist studies will be incorporated into the DEIA.

SAHRA issued an interim comment dated 17/01/2022 which requested the submission of the a Heritage Impact Assessment inclusive of an Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) and a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA). The Final Scoping Report was submitted to the case on the 15/02/2022.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology, Meteorite (APM) unit notes the Final Scoping Report, further comments will be issued upon submission of the HIA report and the draft EIA report.

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

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