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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: Tetra4 (Pty) Ltd

The applicant wishes to expand the ir natural gas operations, to be located within the approved production right area. This planned expansion to the existing approved production activities will involve up to 300 new production wells, gas transmission pipelines and associated infrastructure, compressor stations and a new combined Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) and Liquid Helium (LHe) plant (“LNG/LHe Plant”) and associated infrastructure as part of the Cluster 2 expansion of the Project in order to meet the future production requirements. The proposed project falls within the Masilonyana and Matjhabeng Local Municipalities, in the Lejweleputswa District Municipality, Free State Province.

Tetra4 (Pty) Ltd appointed Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed Cluster 2 expansion of the natural gas operations, to be located within the approved production mining right area within the Matjhabeng Local Municipalities, Free State Province.

A Scoping Report was submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998 – NEMA) and 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA) and the National Environmental Management Waste Act (Act 59 of 2008 – NEMWA). The project activities will include about 300 new production wells, gas transmission pipelines and associated infrastructure, compressor stations and a new combined Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) and Liquid Helium (LHe) plant and associated infrastructure.

It is noted that PGS Heritage has been appointed to provide heritage specialist input inclusive of palaeontological studies into the EA process.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology, Meteorite (APM) Unit notes that an HIA will be undertaken for the proposed development. Further comments will be issued once the HIA along with the draft EIA documents inclusive of appendices has been submitted to the case on SAHRIS.

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