

**PROSPECTING RIGHT APPLICATION (WITH BULK SAMPLING) IN TERMS OF SECTIONS 16 AND 20 OR THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 28 OF 2002) AS AMENDED BY SECTION 12 OF ACT 49 OF 2008; FOR DIAMOND, MANGANESE AND IRON ORES**



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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: MERETLWA MINING (PTY) LTD

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Thaya Trading Enterprise CC was appointed by Marelwa Mining (Pty) Ltd to undertake the Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed prospecting for Diamonds, Iron and Manganese Ores on the Remaining Extent of Portions 1 and 2 of the Westfield No.455 and the Remaining Extent of Portions 1 and 2 of the Welbeck No.454, near Kuruman, John Taolo Gaetsewe District, Northern Cape (NC 30/5/1/1/2/13168 PR)

A Draft Scoping Report (DSR) was submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998(Act 107 of 1998) (as Amended) NEMA, and the 2014 NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations for activities that trigger Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA Act 28 of 2002) as amended. The proposed prospecting and associated infrastructure area has an extent of 900 Ha it will include Temporary structures (3 x Park Homes) Temporary Dump Site Residue Dam Concrete spillage control at diesel Oil storage facility Water pipeline of 3 Km Roads to trenches and processing plant Stockpiling of topsoil 900 Ha – 6m X 6m X 1 000m pit (100 trenches) 200m X 100m X 200m trench (5 pits) 1 000m drill holes.

A Heritage Impact Assessment (Field Survey) inclusive of a Palaeontological Impact Assessment (Desktop Study) will be undertaken for the proposed development in terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999) (NHRA).

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The SAHRA APM Unit notes that heritage specialist studies will be undertaken for the proposed development. The archaeological component of the HIA should follow the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological Component of Impact Assessment Report. The proposed development area is located mostly within an area of moderate sensitivity in terms of palaeontological resources as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such, a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) will suffice. The report must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments.

Any other heritage resources as defined in section 3 of the NHRA that may be impacted, such as built structures over 60 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 submission of the draft Environmental Impact Assessment document and its appendices along with the pending HIA and PIA reports.

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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