PROSPECTING RIGHT APPLICATION FOR MANGANESE ORE AND IRON ORE ON REMAINING EXTENT AND PORTIONS 1 & 3 OF THE FARM CORK 39

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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: Mr Sonwabo Debedu

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Prospecting Right Application within Remaining Extent and Portions 1 & 3 of the Farm Cork 39 situated in the Magisterial District of Kuruman in Northern Cape Province. The Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) reference for this project is: NC 30/5/1/1/2/13143 PR. Prospecting Right Application has been submitted for the exploration of Manganese Ore and Iron Ore resource on the properties mentioned above. The project area is located in Joe Morolong Local Municipality, under John Taolo Gaetsewe District in the Northern Cape Province. The project is located approximately 15 km Southeast of Madibeng refer to figures 1&2. The proposed project area covers 2305 hectares.

Thank you for notifying the SAHRA on the proposed proposed Prospecting Right Application for Manganese Ore and Iron Ore resource within Remaining Extent and Portions 1 & 3 of the Farm Cork 39 situated in the Magisterial District of Kuruman in Northern Cape Province (NC 30/5/1/1/2/13143 PR).

The prospecting will be done phases of invasive and non-invasive methods which will include desktop geographical and geological mapping, Geochemical survey and Geophysical surveys, geophysical studies and then drilling, sampling, assaying and mineralogical studies.

As the proposed development is undergoing an EA Application process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA), NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, No 28 of 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended), it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is done as per section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). This must include an archaeological component, palaeontological component and any other applicable heritage components. The HIA must be conducted as part of the EA Application in terms of NEMA and the NEMA EIA Regulations.

The archaeological component of the HIA should follow the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological

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Component of Impact Assessment Report. The quickest process to follow for the archaeological component would be to contract a qualified archaeologist (see <u>www.asapa.co.za</u> or <u>www.aphp.org.za</u>).

The proposed development area is located 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) must be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist

(See <u>https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html</u> for a list of qualified palaeontologists). 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 viewscapes must also be assessed.

The NEMA EIA documents and appendices must be submitted at the start of the public review periods in order for an informed comment to be issued that can be incorporated into the final reports for submission to the competent authority.

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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