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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: Mr Dean Mark Alblas

The applicant (Dean Mark Alblas) has commissioned an application for a Scoping & Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIR) and Basic Assessment (BA) process as required by the National Environmental Management Act (Act No.107 of 1998) for a Prospecting Right (NW30/5/1/1/3/2/1/13576PR) and Mining Permit (NW30/5/1/3/2/1/11145MP) combined with a Waste Licence Application for the prospecting and mining of Diamond, Diamond (Alluvial), Diamond (General), Diamond (In Kimberlite) and Gold near Koster on portion 8 of the farm Rietfontein 464 and portion 6 of the farm Syferfontein 496, Registration Division: JP, North West Province.

Thank you for notifying the SAHRA on the proposed prospecting of Diamond, Diamond (Alluvial), Diamond (General), Diamond (In Kimberlite) and Gold near Koster on portion 8 of the farm Rietfontein 464 and portion 6 of the farm Syferfontein 496, North West Province.

The proposed prospecting will be undertaken in six phases which include desktop studies, pitting, trenches, drilling interpretation and consolidation of results.

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

The proposed development area is located mostly within an area of high and moderate sensitivity in terms of palaeontological resources as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such, a desktop Palaeontological

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Impact Assessment (PIA) must be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist (See <https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html> 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 viewsapes 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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