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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: Samancor Chrome Limited: Western Chrome Mines

Samancor Chrome Limited (Western Chrome Mines (WCM)), the holder of the converted mining right (NW 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/ 236 EM) received a compliance notice in terms of Section 31L of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998) (NEMA):in respect of commencement of certain activities on Portion 146 of the farm Waterkloof 305 JQ Rustenburg (Relevant Portion) at WCM's) Waterkloof Operation, situated in the magisterial district of Rustenburg.

Elemental Sustainability (Pty) Ltd. has been appointed by Samancor Chrome Ltd. Western Chrome Mines (WCM) to undertake the Environmental Authorisation (EA) Section 24g Application for the rectification of commencement of activities for the Samancor Millsell and Waterkloof sections opencast mining on Portion 146 of the farm Waterkloof 305 in Rustenburg at WCM's Waterkloof Operation, North West Province (NW 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/ (236, 260 & 479) EM).

The Draft Scoping Report has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 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).

It is noted that a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment (Coetzee 2015) identified no visible archaeological remains within the demarcated study area. Farmland borders on the study area to the north and west and there are two residential properties to the south of the study area.

The proposed development is of insignificant sensitivity in terms of palaeontological resources as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such no palaeontological studies are required.

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The SAHRA Development Application Unit (DAU) notes that an HIA was undertaken in 2015 for the development area.

An updated field assessment is required as it has been 9 years since the area has been surveyed. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the requested HIA. The HIA must follow the SAHRA 2007 Minimum

**Section 24G Application - Waterkloof Opencast Section Ptn. 146 of the farm
Waterkloof 305 JQ**

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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 Minimum Standards provides allowance for a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption that can be submitted by a qualified palaeontologist should they deem it appropriate.

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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