

Letter

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Tundratype (Pty) Ltd
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 2021

Prospecting operation Wilgehout Fontein No 426 and various farms in the Namaqua District of the Northern Cape

It has been brought to the attention of SAHRA that SAHRA has already issued a comment on the prospecting application for rare earths on a portion of the remainder, portions 2,4,5 and 6 of Wilgehoutfontein 426, Portions 8, 10,13, of Buffelsfontein 515, portion 1 of Roodebergs kloof 452, and remainder, portions 1,2,and 4 of Nassau 516, administrative district of Namaqualand with DMR Case Number: NC 30/5/1/1/2/10942 PR on 30 September 2013 under SAHRA Case Number 3570.

As such, **the comment issued by SAHRA on this case on 18 October 2013 was issued erroneously and is thus withdrawn.** The earlier letter stands as SAHRA's comment on this matter (see SAHRA Case Number 3570). It is also noted that the EMP submitted for this application may contain misleading information.

The error came about as two duplicate cases were created on the system with different names. Only one of these cases has been mapped. In addition, the EMP document was only supplied for one of the cases created. According to the EMP, the proposed prospecting operation will mostly consist of non-invasive activities with limited drilling. In addition, according to the EMP, "No other heritage resources such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes are present on the prospecting area applied for." It is noted, however, that SAHRA has been informed that the area proposed for prospecting contains an old farmstead and an old "klipkraal" that may be of some heritage significance.

SAHRA therefore requires more information in the form of a Heritage Impact Assessment that satisfies SAHRAs minimum standards and Section 38(3) of the NHRA before being able to comment further.

The Heritage Impact Assessment must include an assessment of impacts to archaeological resources that will identify the archaeological sites and assess their significance and make recommendations (as indicated in section 38) about the process to be followed. A Palaeontological study must be undertaken to assess whether or not the development will impact upon palaeontological resources - or at least a letter of exemption from a Palaeontologist is needed to indicate that this is unnecessary. If the area is deemed sensitive, a full Phase 1 Palaeontological Impact Assessment will be required and if necessary a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.

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Any other heritage resources 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 in this report.

SAHRA looks forward to receiving these heritage reports and will provide comment on them before the project can commence.

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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