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## Letter

### In terms of Section 38(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mrs Anette Basson

De Beers Consolidated Mines - Kimberley Mines  
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8300

**FS 30/5/1/1/2/10430 PR Allanridge • THE REMAINING EXTENT AND THE REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 3 OF THE FARM RUSTPLAATS 252, • PORTION 1 (MOEDERSGUNST) AND PORTION 4 OF THE FARM ZAMENKOMST 270, • THE REMAINING EXTENT, PORTION 4 (SIDESTEP) AND PORTION 5 (AFSAAL) OF THE FARM ABELSDAM 371, • THE REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM LINCOLN 38, • PORTION 2 (OF PORTION 1) AND THE REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM GROOTVADERBOS 971, • THE FARM EBENHAEZER 59, • THE FARM SANNIE'S RUST 254, • THE FARM AVONDSTER 937, • THE FARM ADO 973, • THE FARM RUITERBOS 1223, • A PORTION OF THE FARM MIDDELSPRUIT 1222. • PORTION 1 OF THE FARM ROTTERDAM 12, • THE REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM WELGEGUND 206, • THE FARM VROLIJKHEID 200, • THE FARM MARIASPAN 223, • THE FARM WELKOM 20, • PORTION 1 OF THE FARM STEENROTS 188, • THE FARM STEENROTS 352, • PORTION 1 OF THE FARM TRIANON 218.**

De Beers Consolidated Mines (Pty) Ltd lodged an application for a prospecting right for kimberlite hosted diamonds over several properties in the Lejwaleputswa Magisterial District in the Free State Province. The extent of the prospecting right application is 7811.2674ha.

A Basic Assessment Report submitted for Environmental Authorizations 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) was uploaded to the case on 13/06/2016 along with the appendices.

The prospecting activities to be undertaken include non-invasive (desktop studies and ground geophysical surveys) and invasive (drilling) techniques. The drilling programme will include Core drilling and Large diameter drilling on two (2) targeted sites each with an aerial extent of 0.64 Ha.



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The maximum depth of such holes is typically 400 meters where the cover is thin, and 600 meters where the cover is thick, and 8 boreholes are anticipated to be drilled per target. The activities carried out will require the clearing of vegetation as well as topsoil stripping and stockpiling, drill pad compaction, erection of office, toilets and fuel storage as well as water tanker and core storage.

McGregor Museum Department of Archaeology was appointed to provide heritage specialist input as part of the EA Amendment application report as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). The Heritage Impact Assessment Report along with the Environmental Authorisation (EA) and Prospecting Right (PR) documents were uploaded on the 16/11/2020.

Morris, D. 2020. Heritage Impact Assessment for proposed drilling site at Mariaspan 223, near Wesselsbron, Free State Province

No artefacts or heritage features of any kind were found in the study area nor in the wider landscape over up to some 50 m or more radius around it, however it is possible that material may occur below the surface. Access to the site would be along existing farm tracks to the immediate vicinity of the drill site and no impacts along the route area are anticipated. Archaeological significance for the drilling site is LOW.

The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 3(4) of the NEMA Regulations and section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and it is advised that they be included to the EMP:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections to the proposed development;
- 38(4)b – The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. No further additional specific conditions are provided for the development;
- 38(4)c(i) – If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Sityhilelo Ngcatsha/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG)

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Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;

- 38(4)d – See section 51(1) of the NHRA;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:
  - i) If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA;

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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South African Heritage Resources Agency

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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/273864>  
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**Terms & Conditions:**

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.