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Interim Comment

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

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The prospecting activities will include Site preparation, Drilling, Excavation and logging, Hauling and transportation of ore to the processing plant, Decommissioning and Rehabilitation. The Proposed prospecting right application with bulk sampling on Ptn 2,9,12,14,27,29,30,37,38,39 of the farm Kaalfontein 44IQ and Ptn 1, 3-6,9,13,19,20,25,30-32, ,35,37-39,45of the farm Koesterfontein 45 IQ situated in the Magisterial District of Krugersdorp in Gauteng Province.

Mlilo, T. August 2018. PHASE 1 Archaeological And Heritage Impact Assessment Report For Proposed Prospecting Right Application With Bulk Sampling On Portion 2,9,12,14,27,29,30,37,38,39 Of The Farm Kaalfontein 44 IG And Portion 1, 3-6,9,13,19,20,25,30-32, ,35,37- 39,45 Of The Farm Koesterfontein 45 IQ Situated In The Magisterial District Of Krugersdorp In Gauteng Province

The proposed project entails a prospecting right application with bulk sampling in respect of various Portions of the Farms Kaalfontein 44 IQ and Koesterfontein 45 IQ situated in the Magisterial District of Krugersdorp in Gauteng Province. T

The author states that the immediate project area is predominantly agricultural, mining, commercial and residential. The study did not record any archaeological site within the proposed prospecting sites.

Burial Site BSP12KLFN1 may be affected by prospecting activities. Abandoned historic farm houses are vulnerable because they are not occupied. Occupied historical farm houses are safe from the impacts of the proposed prospecting with bulk sampling because no prospecting activities will be done on occupied farmsteads.

The author recommends that abandoned historical farm houses must be preserved *in situ*. Affected land owners must declare all buildings and structures older than 60 years located in their properties to avoid accidental damage during prospecting. Given the sensitivity of the recorded burial site (BSP12KLFN 1) an archaeologist must be retained to monitor clearance of any prospecting activities near the burial sites and the applicant must provide for a 25m buffer zone around the burial site from the nearest prospecting point.

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The SA Palaeontological Sensitivity Map indicates that the study area has both Moderate and High fossil sensitivity. No palaeontological assessment is attached to this case.

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In terms of palaeontological heritage, the SA Palaeontological Sensitivity Map indicates that the study area has both Moderate and High fossil sensitivity, therefore a palaeontological desktop study is required. Once this assessment has been submitted, SAHRA will be able to provide further comments.

In terms of archaeology, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit supports the findings and recommendations of the specialist report, providing that an archaeological chance finds procedure is included in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr), and that a qualified archaeologist should be contacted whenever uncertainty regarding potential heritage remains are encountered.

With regards to the recorded burial site (BSP12KLFN 1) an archaeologist must be retained to monitor clearance of any prospecting activities near the burial sites and the applicant must provide for a 25m buffer zone around the burial site from the nearest prospecting point. If any unmarked human burials are uncovered and the archaeologist called in to inspect the finds and/or the police find them to be heritage graves, mitigation may be necessary and the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit must be contacted for processes to follow.

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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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/521211>
(, Ref: Kaalfontein 44IQ Application 3)

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.