



## Interim Comment

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

Attention: Mr Solomon Lephoto

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**Consultation in terms of section 40 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 2002, (Act 28 of 2002) for the approval of an environmental management plan for prospecting in respect of manganese and iron ore on Avon No.358, Dutton No.356, Whitby No.355, Sark No.357 and Derwent No.354 situated in the Magisterial District of Kuruman, Northern Cape Region.**

We have received notification of your application for an environmental management plan in respect of prospecting rights for minerals in the Northern Cape.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. This means that before such sites are disturbed by development it is incumbent on the developer (or mine) to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment is done. This must include the archaeological component (Phase 1) and any other applicable heritage components. Appropriate (Phase 2) mitigation, which involves recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed, must be done as required.

In your application received by SAHRA, it is indicated that there will be an assessment of the heritage resources by Dr David Morris.

The Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment Report 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 Impact Assessment will not be necessary for the prospecting phase of this project, but will be required should mining rights be sought.

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.

SAHRA looks forward to receiving this heritage report and will provide comment on it 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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