Alexandersfontein EMP 142

Our Ref: 9/2/049/0001

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Final Comment

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

Attention: Mr H Hendrickse

De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd - Kimberley Mines

PO Box 10191 Beaconsfield

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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 Programme Amendment For Mining Right in Respect of Diamonds on a Portion of the Farm Alexandersfontein No. 123, a Portion of the Farm Benauwdheidfontein No. 124, a Portion of the Farm Bultfontein No. 80, a Portion of the Farm Dorstfontein No. 77 and a Portion of the Farm Du Toitspan No. 119, a Portion of the Farm Kenilworth Estate No. 71, Erf 6486, Farm Rietpan No. 79, Farm Rooifontein No. 211, Remainder of Erf 9851, Erf 9852, Erf 9853, a Portion of Erf 5045, Erf 4815, Remainder of Erf 4812 and a Portion of the Remainder of Erf 5024, Previously Known As Vooruitzicht No. 81, Situated In The Magisterial District Of Kimberley, Northern Cape Region

We have received notification of your application for an environmental management plan amendment for the proposed Stadium Fine Residue Disposal Facility, Kimberley.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA), 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.

Case Decision:

According to the information provided in this EMP, it is unlikely that any significant impacts on heritage resources will result from this project, due to the fact that the receiving environment has already been substantially disturbed.

Consequently, SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology & Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objection to the proposed development on the condition that if any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, marine shell and charcoal/ash concentrations), unmarked human burials, fossils or other categories of heritage resources is found during the proposed activities, SAHRA APM Unit (Katie Smuts/Colette Scheermeyer 021 462 4502) must be alerted immediately, and a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage



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resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

Kathryn Smuts

Heritage Officer: Archaeology

South African Heritage Resources Agency

Colette Scheermeyer

SAHRA Head Archaeologist

South African Heritage Resources Agency

ADMIN:

(DMR, Ref: NC 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/142 EM)

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.

