GATHLOSE EMP 10478

Our Ref: 9/2/055/0002

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Letter

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

Attention: Mr Mzamani Mdaka

Floxifo (Pty) Ltd PO Box 4603 Weltevredenpark 1715

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 RIGHT IN RESPECT OF MANGANESE AND IRON ON THE FARM GATHLOSE NATIVE RESERVE 548, SITUATED IN MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF KURUMAN, NORTHERN CAPE

Thank you for your indication that development is to take place in this area.

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.

Decision:

Due to the location of the prospecting activities so close to Kathu, an area of potentially high heritage significance, SAHRA strongly recommends that a Heritage Impact Assessment is compiled for this project, despite the small surface area likely to be disturbed. Furthermore, although it is indicated in the EMP that no new access roads are to be created, should any be built that are longer than 300m, or should any more boreholes be planned than are outlined in the EMP, SAHRA will require that a Heritage Impact Assessment, inclusive of an Archaeological and Palaeontological Impact Assessment, is compiled.

Please note also that should this project proceed to a mining phase, a full HIA will be required prior to any related activities occurring on site.

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



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Yours faithfully

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