## Gemsbokvley No. 479 EMP 100285

Our Ref: 9/2/066/0001

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## Letter

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

Attention: Mr Lwazi Goba Kleinzee Heavy Minerals (Pty) Ltd PO Box 6223 Roggebaai 8012

CONSULTATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 40 OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT 2002, (ACT 28 OF 2002) FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN IN RESPECT OF PORTION 6 OF ROODELAAGTE NO 476, PORTIONS 7,8,9,10,AND 11 OF QUAGGAFONTEIN NO 478,, PORTIONS 11,12,13,14,19,20,21 AND 22 OF GEMSBOKVLEY NO 479 AND REMAINDER AND PORTION 1 OF THE FARM NO 591 ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT: NAMAQUALAND.

We have received notification of your application for an environmental management plan in respect of prospecting rights for heavy minerals near Hondeklipbaai.

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.

## CaseDecision:

According to the information provided in this EMP, it is unlikely that any significant impacts on heritage resources will result from the prospecting phase of this project, due to the small area to be disturbed.

Consequently, SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology & Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objection to the proposed prospecting 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 are 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 resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.

This exemption is only valid for the auger drilling phase of this prospecting application. Should bulk sampling



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be decided upon, or a mining phase initiated, a full Heritage Impact Assessment, inclusive of an Archaeological and a Palaeontological Impact Assessment, will be required prior to any related activities taking place on site.

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: NCS 30/5/1/1/3/2/1/100285 PR)

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.

