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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Mr Mpumelelo Makhanya
Nile Business Advisors (Pty) Ltd
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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 Right on Farm Hartebeestfontein No.395, Situated in the Magisterial District of Fraserburg, Northern Cape Region

We have received notification of your application for an environmental management plan in respect of prospecting for uranium and molybdenum ore.

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.

Decision:

According to the information provided on this development included in the EMP, it is unlikely that any significant impacts on heritage resources will result from the prospecting activities as relatively few holes will be drilled and the size of the holes is not great.

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 are found during mining activities, SAHRA APM Unit (Katie Smuts/Colette Scheermeyer 021 462 4502) must be alerted immediately, and an accredited professional archaeologist 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.

Please note that this comment only applies to the prospecting phase of this project. If mining is to be undertaken, a full heritage assessment of the property will be required prior to any related activities taking



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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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ADMIN:
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