## **Kwoap EMP 100293**

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 K2011111707 (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 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN IN RESPECT OF PORTIONS A AND 2 ZANDKRAAL NO 434, PORTIONS 2,3,4 AND 6 OF SOUTFONTEIN NO 436, REMAINDER AND PORTION 4 OF SOUTKRAAL NO 437, REMAINDER, PORTIONS 3 AND 6 OF KWOAP NO 494AND FARM 581 ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT: NAMAQUALAND.

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

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 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

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Colette Scheermeyer

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South African Heritage Resources Agency

**ADMIN:** 

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