Nchwaning EMP 203

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 Bradley Thorpe EScience Associates (Pty) Ltd PO Box 2950 Saxonwold 2132

CONSULTATION IN TERMS OF REGULATION 49 (3) OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT 2002, (ACT 28 OF 2002) FOR THE APPROVAL OF A REVISED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME FOR A MINING RIGHT ON A PORTION THE REMAINDER, PORTION 1, 2 AND 3 THE FARM NCHWANING NO. 267, REMAINDER AND PORTION 1 OF THE FARM BELGRAVIA NO. 264, REMAINDER AND PORTION 1 OF THE FARM SANTOY NO. 230 AND THE REMAINDER AND PORTION 1 OF THE FARM GLORIA NO.266 SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF KURUMAN, NORTHERN CAPE REGION.

Thank you for your submission of the Revised EMP for the above project.

SAHRA would like to remind you that three previous review comments have been submitted for this proposal. The stipulations in those comments have still not been adequately represented in the EIR or the EMP.

SAHRA would like to refer you back to those comments and requests that you comply with them. The comments are presented below for your convenience:

- Given the historical significance of the site, the original Black Rock Mine, it should not be disturbed by the development and the mining. An application may be presented to apply for declaring the site National Heritage and the boundaries of this explored during the declaration process
- No development or mining may occur within 100 m distance from the centre of the Go-Mogara river. If this is absolutely necessary, then a complete Phase II must be carried out. Mitigation in the form of systematic excavation and sampling must be undertaken before trenching and any other earth-moving activity resulting from this proposed project. A photographic record must be established immediately before, during and after mitigation. The archaeologist will require a mitigation permit from SAHRA in terms of s. 35 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999). On receipt of a satisfactory mitigation (Phase 2) permit report from the archaeologist, SAHRA will make further recommendations in terms of the report such as its final destruction or additional sampling.
- Site 6 must be properly mapped and recorded; SAHRA requires that, in terms of s. 38(4)(b&c) of the National Heritage Resources Act, the provisions of s. 35 apply as appropriate and a collection permit be submitted.
- It is noted that two grave sites were identified. The SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves Unit supports
 the continued protection and management of the two graveyards and notes that any proposed
 declaration of the mine as a heritage site at any level should include the protection, management and



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interpretation of the two graveyards (especially the mineworkers' cemetery).

A Palaeontological Study must be undertaken to assess whether or not the development will impact
upon palaeontological resources - or at least a letter of exemption from a Palaeontologist is needed to
indicate that this is unnecessary.

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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