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## Final Comment

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

Attention: Miss yvonne gutoona

### **Non Invasive diamond prospecting right and environmental authorization on Sea concession 8(b) situated 20km north of Hondeklipbaa, Namakwaland, Northern Cape Province**

The South African Heritage Resources Agency would like to thank you for submitting the Basic Assessment Report and Environmental Management Programme Report for proposed non-invasive diamond prospecting right and environmental authorisation on Sea Concession 8(b) situated 20km north of Hondeklipbaai, Namakwaland, Northern Cape Province.

SAHRA understands from the report that the planned work is desk-based and that no invasive fieldwork is proposed under this scope of works. The planned non-invasive activities include a geophysical survey, the reinterpretation of historical geophysical survey data, transference of data onto a GIS database and an historical data literature survey.

The geophysical survey data in particular must be provided to a suitably qualified maritime heritage specialist for interpretation and review which can be used to inform any subsequent applications. SAHRA has noted that the Maritime Heritage Desktop Study (Annexure 1) undertaken of the area was produced in 2009 and is therefore nearly ten years old. While this study may address any concerns regarding the non-invasive works to be undertaken within Sea Concession 8(b), should any subsequent invasive work be applied for within this area, it is highly likely that a more up-to-date heritage study, informed by any new survey data, will be required as part of a new application.

SAHRA supports the recommendations set out in the Maritime Heritage Desktop Study regarding the procedures should any shipwrecks, archaeological sites or historical material be found during the survey.

While there are two known shipwreck sites in the vicinity of the development area there is always the potential for further unknown wrecks or shipwreck material to be discovered during survey works. Should anything of archaeological or palaeontological significance be noted during the proposed project, SAHRA must be informed of its discovery without delay.

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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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**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.