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Letter

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

Attention: Ms Lerato Ratsoenyane
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MINING RIGHT APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED THABAMETSI COAL MINE

Thank you for your indication that development is to take place in this area.

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:

It is noted on page 10 of the BID document that a Heritage Impact Assessment will be undertaken for the proposed mining project. Please note that in addition to the archaeological component of the HIA a palaeontological assessment any other heritage resources that may be impacted such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed.

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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