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Final Comment

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

Attention: De Beers Marine (Pty) Ltd

Po Box 87
Cape Town
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De Beers Marine (Pty) Ltd, the Appointed Operator by De Beers Consolidated Mines (Pty) Ltd.'s for their South African Sea Concession prospecting rights, intends conducting Prospecting Operations in the South African Sea Areas 4c, 5c and 6c. The Prospecting Rights apply: MPT 399/2009 and MPT 93/2011. Activities will be limited to inshore of the 150m isobath and offshore of the 100m isobath. The Prospecting Areas are situated approximately 5km seaward of the coastal towns of Kleinzee in the south and Alexander Bay in the north, Northern Cape.

The Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage (MUCH) unit at the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) thanks the applicant for submitting the Underwater Heritage Impact Assessment (UHIA) for the South African Sea Concessions 4c-6c on 21 December 2017.

The applicant wishes to conduct prospecting operations in the above-mentioned Sea Concessions, approximately located between Alexander Bay in the north and Hondeklip Bay in the south, under prospecting rights MPT 399/2009 and MPT 93/2011. Activities will be limited to inshore of the 150m isobath and offshore of the 100m isobath.

The MUCH unit has reviewed the UHIA and hereby imposes the following terms and conditions for the proposed activities:

- All efforts must be made to avoid damage and/or disturbance of unknown cultural heritage material in the Sea Concessions during all activities involved in this work.
- All sampling locations must be subjected to a full geophysical survey prior to sampling. The geophysical data must be consulted in detail before sampling is undertaken at any location. Anomalies identified are to be assessed by a suitably qualified maritime archaeologist to determine whether they are associated with cultural heritage.
- Should any shipwreck or cultural heritage material be detected below the high water mark during any survey, the position must be recorded and SAHRA must be notified immediately. Work at that location must cease and may not commence until feedback has been received from SAHRA.

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- If shipwreck or cultural heritage material detected in the Sea Concessions is proven or suspected to be older than 60 years, a permit shall be required from SAHRA before work may commence.

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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Acting Manager: Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage
South African Heritage Resources Agency

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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/375045>
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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.