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Response to NID (Notification of Intent to Develop)

In terms of Section 38(2) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: De Beers Marine (Pty) Ltd
Po Box 87
Cape Town
8000

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 applicant wishes to conduct core sampling for prospecting purposes in small areas of Sea Concession 6C from 22 March to 5 April 2017. The sampling will entail drilling approximately 40 3.6m-wide holes in each of the two 2016 sampling areas, to a maximum depth of 4m below the seabed. Sonic scans of each drilling location will be carried out before lowering the Seabed Tool. Activities will be limited to inshore of the 150m isobath and offshore of the 100m isobath.

SAHRA thanks the applicant for the opportunity to comment on the above Notification of Intent to Develop (NID), dated 16 March 2017. Given that it is noted in the Final Basic Assessment Report (FBAR) that the possibility of impacts on unknown shipwrecks in the sampling areas can not be dismissed, SAHRA exacts the following terms and conditions attached to the proposed sampling:

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1. All efforts must be made to avoid damage and/or disturbance of shipwrecks and cultural heritage material.
2. Should any shipwrecks or cultural heritage material be detected in the sampling areas via sonic scanning or other means, the position must be recorded, the area must be excluded from the list of sampling locations, and SAHRA must be notified immediately OR work must cease and may not commence until feedback has been received from SAHRA.
3. If shipwrecks or cultural heritage material detected in the sampling areas are proven or suspected to be older than 60 years, a permit will 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

Lesla la Grange
Heritage Officer
South African Heritage Resources Agency

John Gribble
Manager: Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage Unit / Acting Manager: Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit
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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.