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Final Comment

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

Attention: Mr Andrew Nicholson
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Prime Spot Trading 11 (Pty) Ltd, (Prime Spot), has applied for a mining right & associated waste management licence over Portion 59 of the Farm Vischgat 467IR. The application is to mine aggregate and stone via opencast mining methods. Gauteng Province

Coetzee, F. September 2013. Cultural Heritage Assessment of a Portion of Portion 1 of the Farm Vischgat 467IR, Sedibeng District Municipality, Midvaal Local Municipality, Gauteng

The proposed development entails continuation and expansion of mining activities from an existing pit and reusing the existing disturbed area for future processing and stockpiling of the rock.

The assessment recorded four homesteads and a livestock enclosure dating to approximately an early

1900s occupation of the site and can probably be associated with farm labourers. The author recommends that these sites be surveyed and mapped, be subjected Phase 2 investigation, and that a permit be obtained from SAHRA for destruction.

Two graveyards were also recorded. The attached Environmental Management Programme Report (EMPr) that the graves will be excluded from mining activities in a no-go area.

The SA Palaeontological Sensitivity Map indicates that the majority of the study area has Low fossil sensitivity.

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In terms of archaeological and palaeontological heritage, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has no objections to this proposed development, provided that the recommendations in the specialist reports and this comment are adhered to, and on the following conditions:

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- No palaeontological studies are required however a protocol for finds is required.
- If the four homesteads and livestock enclosure are to be affected, these sites must be surveyed and mapped be subjected Phase 2 investigation, and a permit be obtained from SAHRA for destruction, prior to any mining activities.
- The two graveyards must be excluded from mining activities in a no-go area.
- If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments and charcoal/ash concentrations) or palaeontological remains are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA must be alerted immediately, and a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, based on the nature of the finds, must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of significance a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.

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.