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Dear Sir/Madam

**DRAFT SCOPING REPORT: CONSTRUCTION OF 2500m<sup>2</sup> PROCESSING  
FACILITY TO REMOVE CONTAMINANTS FROM WAXY OIL AT FFS.**

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

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, 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.

In your application received by SAHRA it was noted that the proposed project will occur within an existing industrial landscape. The likelihood of archaeological resources within the proposed project area is minimal. A

Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment is therefore not required in this instance. However, please note that:

- **Where bedrock is to be affected, or where there are coastal sediments, or marine or river terraces and in potentially fossiliferous superficial deposits, a Palaeontological Desk Top study must be undertaken to assess whether or not the development will impact upon palaeontological resources - or at least a letter of exemption from a Palaeontologist is needed to indicate that this is unnecessary. If the area is deemed sensitive, a full Phase 1 Palaeontological Impact Assessment will be required and if necessary a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary. (See attached list of accredited Palaeontologists).**

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.

Attached please find a link to a list of accredited palaeontological specialists who may be contacted to undertake the necessary palaeontological impact assessments.

Yours sincerely



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Appendices: List of accredited Palaeontologists