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**HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR PROSPECTING & MINING
ON THE FARM JAKHALSFONTEIN (PORTION 1 OF FARM
SCHIDTSDRIFT NO: 248), NORTHERN CAPE**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETINGS

1.1. Background

Current social conditions in Schmidtsdrift and surrounds did not permit public participation at the grassroots level. The general social mood is unsettled because of service delivery and economic expectations which the public contend have not been fulfilled. In any forum, we had been warned, the agenda upon discussion would tend to become conflated shifting the focus from heritage to issues that community leaders and their followers think directly impact on their wellbeing and survival.

1.2. Meeting with King Adam Kok V on 4 July 2019

The Meeting with the King Adam Kok V and his headman, Mr Joseph Esel who doubles up as the king's Personal Assistant, took place at his residence at Campbell on 4 July 2019. In introductory remarks, the King said that he was the most senior authority in the hierarchy of traditional leaders in the district, but nevertheless did not want to pre-empt the views of the local leadership in Schmidtsdrift.

I was then given an opportunity to present my agenda. In respect of the prospecting and mining right proposed, I informed the King about the requirement in law and customary tradition to respect and protect heritage resources, especially graves and sacred places. I stressed that heritage law and policy embraced plurality, and that heritage of different cultural groups in the area must be respected.

The king concurred without making detailed comment. He said that as the paramount authority of the Griqua he unreservedly supported the mining project. Not surprisingly the subject shifted to material issues of concern, benefits the project was expected to bring. He said companies coming to do such business, extraction of local resources, must employ local people especially the youth. He expressed no reservation about the project, signing a consent form. We posed for photographs, after which the meeting ended.

1.3. Meeting with Mr Leonard Steenkemp in Kimberley on 7 July 2019

Mr Leonard Steenkemp is a member of the Community Property Association in Schmidtsdrift. He thought I had a much broader mandate acting on behalf of the developer and raised a number of issues including the shareholding structure of the mining concern.

I stressed that I was not a shareholder, I was an independent evaluator putting in place precautions for the protection of heritage resources. Mr Steenkemp said that as a member of the Community Property Association in Schmidtsdrift and keen advocate of the rights of the Khoi-Khoi people, he supported the project and in any issues arising in the future he can assist the developer to broker talks and trade-offs. He said the project with all its components required buy-in from the local community in Schmidtsdrift, both the BaTlhaping and the Griquas. As both a civic and political leader he would assist the developer to find common and shared values in the project. He signed a consent form. Since the meeting we have had several telephone conversations in which he assured me that he still stood by the principles agreed in the meeting of 7th July.

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