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HERITAGE AND PALAEONTOGICAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROSPECTING (BULK SAMPLING) OF DIAMONDS ON THE REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM 503, MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF HAY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

I write to submit that I am the Director of Archaeological and Heritage Services Africa (Pty) Ltd (AHSA) and its principal researcher. In 2016 AHSA was contracted to carry out a heritage and palaeontogical assessment for the above mining project.

For the purpose two specialist reports were prepared and submitted as required in terms of the contract with the Client. Initially the Paleontological assessment report was prepared by Dr Nonhlahla Vilakazi as per contract entered into with AHSA.

However by the time SAHRA requested endorsement of the report by Dr Vilakazi (Feb 2017), her contract with AHSA had been terminated. Since I still needed to outsource specialist input I engaged Dr Joseph Chikumbirike to review, adapt and endorse the report. Please note that in terms of the contract with Dr Vilakazi ownership of the report is vested in AHSA, which in effect means this document is AHSA's intellectual property. In my correspondence with the Environmental Specialist in light of your request to have the report endorsed I did state in writing that Dr Vilakazi had left, which had necessitated engaging Dr Joseph Chikumbirike.

I take full responsibility for instructing Dr Chikumbirike to review the article using his judgement as a specialist in that field and to endorse it as a way going forward. It did not occur to me that for the purpose of reporting AHSA was still required to acknowledge Dr Vilakazi. However in order to clear the air we resend the revised report with the acknowledgement as per your request.

It is necessary to state here that I have authored books and many articles for international journals and I am sensitively aware that it is convention to acknowledge sources. Furthermore I religiously adhere to that principle. However, as I have already stated above for purposes of running this business and to avoid unnecessary complications, the documents produced in the name of AHSA are the property of AHSA.

I should be most grateful if you could expeditiously attend to this matter in light of the delays that have already been experienced.

Yours Sincerely

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