AMENDMENT OF KIEPERSOL COLLIERY'S MINING RIGHT TO INCLUDE THE NEW CENTRAL ADIT COMPLEX



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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Jindal Mining SA (Pty) Ltd Kiepersol colliery Uitgevallen Farm Postnet Suite 157 Private Bag X 5022 Piet Retief 2380

Ukhozi Environmentalists (Pty) Ltd have been appointed by Jindal Mining SA (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application in support of an Amendment Application for proposed amendments of the Kiepersol Collierys Mining Right to include a new Central Adit Complex, near Dirkiesdorp, Mpumalanga Province (MR 30/5/1/2/2/60 MR).

A Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the EIA Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended). The proposed amendments include box cut, benches, PCD and ramping, water management infrastructure, access road, soil stockpiles, ROM stockpiles and working area, powerline fitted to mini substation, office/stores and change houses with septic tank, guardhouse.

A heritage report from 2013 has been submitted as part of the application.

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SAHRA requests that an updated field assessment of the impact to heritage resources for the proposed amendment activities be conducted as part of the EA Amendment application that must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA as required by section 38(8) of the NHRA and section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA be submitted as part of the EA process. This must include archaeological and paleontological assessments.

The applicant is advised to extend the EA process in terms of section 32(1)b of the NEMA EIA regulations in order to address this comment. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested reports and an updated DBAR that includes the results of the heritage reports.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted

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Yours faithfully

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