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Date: Tuesday, 24 June, 2025

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## **Interim Comment**

## In terms of Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)/In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

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Silver Reef (Pty) Ltd was appointed by Jaments (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation (EA) application for the proposed Coal Mining Permit Application on a Portion of Portion 2 of the Farm Klippan 425 JS within the Chief Albert Luthuli Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. DMRE Ref: MP 30/5/1/1/3/ 15181 MP.

A Basic Information Document (BID) was submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 as amended (EIA) for activities that trigger the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, Act No. 28 of 2002 (MPRDA). The proposed development is the extraction of Coal resources through opencast excavation, blasting and stockpiling of topsoil, overburden, and waste rock.

- The SAHRA DAU is requesting field-based Heritage Impact Assessment and Palaeontological Impact Assessment reports for the proposed developments in terms of section 38(8) of the NHRA.
- The field-based archaeological component of the HIA must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist and must comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports (see <a href="http://www.asapa.co.za">www.asapa.co.za</a> or <a href="http://www.aphp.org.za">www.aphp.org.za</a> for a list of qualified archaeologists).
- The field-based Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist. (See <a href="https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html">https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html</a> for a list of qualified palaeontologists). The report must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments.
- The Archaeological and Palaeontological Minimum Standards refer to a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption for further studies should the specialist deem it appropriate. SAHRA reserves the right to insist on a field-based assessment should the Letter of Recommendation not provide ample information to make an informed comment.



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- A BAR/SR/EIAr is required for further consideration of the proposed development.
- Further comments will be issued upon submission of these further requirements.

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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