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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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Amatshe Mining (Pty) Ltd has applied to undertake an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for proposed Gold Ore, Silver Ore, Uranium Ore, Pyrite and Aggregate mining operation within an existing Mining Right (MR) area situated South-East and South-West of Johannesburg, City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province GP30/5/1/2/2/ (10092)MR.

A Draft Scoping Report (DSR) 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 new gold mining operation within an existing Mining Right which will utilise both underground and opencast mining methods. The MR area covers a combined area of roughly 9083,7 ha. Mine infrastructure is however only planned to be located on three separate areas, namely two shaft areas and one opencast area. The first shaft area will be located on the previous Central Rand Gold (CRG) processing plant premises (CRG shaft area) located at CRG Slot 8, 10 Spencer Road in Roodepoort. Mine infrastructure at the CRG shaft area will have an approximate footprint of 5 ha. The second shaft will be located near Riverlea just south of the George Harrison Park and T.C. Esterhuysen Primary School. The Riverlea shaft area will have a similar footprint as the CRG shaft area of approximately 4 ha. The opencast area will be located approximately 1 km south of the CRG shaft area close to the Stormill industrial area. The opencast area will have a footprint of approximately 25 ha.

No heritage report that has been submitted.

The SAHRA Development Applications Unit (DAU) requests that an assessment of the impact to heritage resources that complies with section 38(3) of the NHRA as required by section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) must be conducted as part of the EA process. The HIA must include an archaeological and palaeontological component.



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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 www.asapa.co.za or www.aphp.org.za for a list of qualified archaeologists). The HIA must consider any impacts to coastal and underwater heritage that may occur due to the seawater intake pipelines.

The proposed development is located within an area of unknown to very high Palaeontological Sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such, a field-based Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist.
(See <https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html> for a list of qualified palaeontologists). The report must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments.

Any other heritage resources as defined in section 3 of the NHRA 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.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested reports and draft EIA inclusive of appendices.

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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Heritage Officer



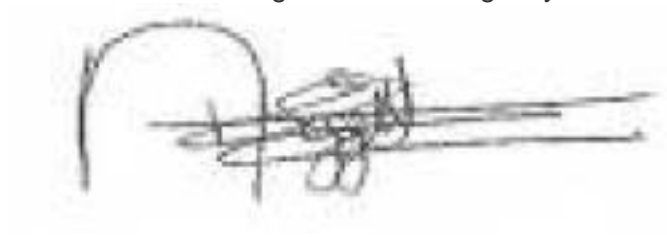
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