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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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Milnex CC has been appointed by Prominent Diamonds (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed Diamonds Alluvial (DA), Diamonds General (D), Diamonds In Kimberlite (DK) Diamonds (DIA) mining activities on approximately 5 Ha of a portion of portion 25 of farm Christiana 325 HO in the Maquassi Hills Local Municipality, North West Province.

A Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) Environmental Management Programme report (EMPr) 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 activities will include the clearance of vegetation and excavation of mud, sand and gravel in order to access kimberlite sources as well as associated infrastructure such as the construction of internal access, potable ablution facilities, and the storage of dangerous goods.

It is noted that no assessment of the impact to heritage resources has been provided as per section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

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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 NHRA must be conducted as part of the EA process. The HIA must include an archaeological and palaeontological



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component.

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 Archaeological 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.

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 report and a revised DBAR that incorporates the results of the specialist assessment. The applicant is advised to extend the EA process in terms of section 19(1)b of the NEMA EIA regulations in order to address this comment.

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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