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 **Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**Minister**

**National Assembly question for written reply: Question 3104**

DDG: MR

**Date:**

**Recommended / Not Recommended**

**Adv. T. Mokoena**

**Director General: Department of Mineral Resources**

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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 3104 ADVANCE NOTICE NO: NW3420E**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION IN INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 13 October 2017**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NUMBER: 36**

**3104. Adv H C Schmidt (DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:**

(1) With reference to a certain company (name and details furnished) in respect of Portion 3, the remaining extent of Portion 1 and the remaining extent of the farm Woodlands 407 in the Magisterial District of Parys, Free State, what are the (a)(i) names and (ii) addresses of natural and legal persons that have been given notice by the specified company as possible interested and affected parties relating to the specified applications for mining permits, (b) comments that have been received following the specified notices, (c) dates on which the notices were displayed and/or published and/or presented, (d) names of the persons who objected to the applications for the specified mining permits and (e) dates on which the objections to the applications for the mining permits were received by his department and/or the applicant;

(2) whether the SA Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) was given notice of the applications for mining permits, if so, (a) on what date(s) and (b) in which manner were the specified application notices served;

(3) did SAHRA lodge any objection(s) to the specified applications for the three mining permits? NW3420E

**Reply**

(1) Mr S C H Preller was consulted verbally and there was no address provided.

(b) No comments were received

(c) The company did not display, publish or present any notices

(d) No objection was received by the Department regarding the application in

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(e) No objection was received by the Department regarding the application in

 question

(2) No notice was given to SAHRA regarding this application, however; it is a legal condition to the approved Environmental Management Plan that should any archaeological artefact be exposed during the mining activities in the vicinity of its finding, mining must be stopped. Furthermore the condition states that under no circumstances shall any artefact be destroyed and such objects must be marked and fenced off, and SAHRA must be contacted.

(3) This office does not have a record of any objection by SAHRA regarding the three mining permits.

Approved/Not Approved

**Mr MJ Zwane, MP**

**Minister of Mineral Resources**

**Date Submitted:-**……………/………………/2017