

15 August 2012

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

BOOYSENSDAL PHASE 2 SAHRA APPLICATION

Permission is hereby granted by Northam Platinum, the land owner, to commence with a Phase 2 Heritage Impact Assessment on portion 6 of the farm Schaapkraal 42JT.

Eskom Distribution Mpumalanga Operating Unit is in the process of constructing loop in / loop out power lines for the supply of permanent power to the Northam Booyensdal Mine.

A Phase 1 heritage impact assessment was undertaken as part of the environmental impact assessment process. All the relevant documentation including a heritage impact assessment was submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (the DEA) culminating in the issuance of the DEA's environmental authorisation to Eskom on 23 February 2011.

It was alleged that Roscon, Eskom's appointed construction contractor disturbed graves belonging to the Pakaneng Choma Community. Heritage specialists were appointed by Northam's Booyensdal Mine, Jaco van der Walt (Heritage Contracts and Archaeological Consulting) and by Eskom, Eric Mathobo (Vhufashu Heritage Consultants) to advise on the alleged disturbance. They confirmed that a heritage site had probably been disturbed by the access road and power line.

The alleged disturbance to the heritage site was reported to SAHRA by Eric Mathobo (Vhufashu Heritage Consultants) during the week of 25 to 29 June 2012 which included the submission of all relevant reports.

The disturbance of graves however, as alleged by the Pakaneng Choma Community could not be confirmed by either of the heritage specialists hence Eskom's urgent decision to instruct Eric Mathobo to proceed with an application to SAHRA requesting permission for the execution of a Phase 2 Heritage Study. The objective is to urgently determine the presence of graves as well as advising on mitigation measures to minimise the further disturbance of the heritage site.

The Phakaneg Choma Community is illegally occupying portions of the farm Schaapkraal and preventing the construction of the power line and successful completion of the Booyendal Mine. An urgent application was brought to court; please find attached hereto the court judgement prohibiting the community from interfering with the construction activities.

Should you require further assistance please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely



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