

24 June 2014

The South African Heritage Resources Agency  
111 Harrington Street  
Cape Town  
8001

Dear Phillip Hine,

## **NOTICE OF THE INTENDED DECOMMISSIONING OF THE KLIPFONTEIN CONCENTRATOR AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AT ANGLO AMERICAN PLATINUM LIMITED: RUSTENBURG PLATINUM MINES – RUSTENBURG SECTION**

### **1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION**

The Anglo American Platinum: Rustenburg Section (RPM-RS) Klipfontein Concentrator (the "Concentrator") was commissioned in 1931 and processed approximately 120 000 tons of ore per month. The Concentrator is located on the Farm Klipfontein 300 JQ within the Rustenburg Local Municipality and the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality of the North West Province. RPM-RS decided to remove the Concentrator from active service (mothballed in 2007) due to the technological capabilities available at two new Concentrators. RPM-RS now propose to decommission the redundant Concentrator (Proposed Project) to support rehabilitation of the site.

### **2. ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATION**

As the Proposed Project involves the decommissioning of a facility which is located on partially contaminated land, environmental authorisation is required according to the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) prior to the commencement. The applicant is required to undertake a Basic Assessment (BA) process in order to achieve environmental authorisation. The North West Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism (NWDEDECT) will be responsible for considering the application for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the NEMA.

### **3. STAKEHOLDER REGISTRATION**

WSP Environmental (Pty) Ltd (WSP) was appointed as the environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) to manage the BA process. This process includes consultation with parties who may be affected by, or have an interest in, the Proposed Project. The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) is considered an interested party and as such this letter serves as notification of the Proposed Project. WSP will upload the Draft BA report onto the SAHRA website (SAHRIS) once the report has been compiled concurrently during public review. Furthermore, the Final BA report will be uploaded onto SAHRIS for consideration by the SAHRA.

### **4. HERITAGE CONSIDERATIONS**

As the Concentrator was established in 1931, and the Proposed Project involves decommissioning (including demolition/dismantling), WSP has considered the Proposed Project under the Heritage Resources Act (No 25 of 1999) (NRA). NRA Section 34 (1) indicates viz. no person may alter or demolish any structure or part of a structure which is older than 60 years without a permit issued by the relevant provincial heritage resources authority. Furthermore, the NRA, Section 1 indicates viz. for the purposes of this Act, those heritage resources of South Africa which are of cultural significance or other special value for the present community and for future generations must be considered part of the national estate and fall within the sphere of operations of heritage resources authorities.

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The Concentrator includes, but is not limited to, the following infrastructure:

- Crushing Plant;
- Milling Cells;
- Flotation Pods;
- Thickeners; and
- Filtration.

The said infrastructure was used by RPM-RS to process ore in order to obtain a floatation concentrate for transfer to the nearby Waterval Smelter. Due to the known purpose of the Concentrator, WSP is of the opinion that the Concentrator does not have cultural significance or other associated historic value to the mine or the public. As such, WSP is of the opinion that Section 1 of NRA is not applicable to the Proposed Project. Therefore, Section 34 (1) of NRA may not apply and the applicant may not require a heritage permit prior to Proposed Project commencement.

## 5. PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE

WSP, on behalf of the applicant, hereby notify the SAHRA of the Proposed Project. Furthermore, WSP seek confirmation of the assumption made under **Heading 4** of this letter. WSP look forward to your response.

Should you have any issues or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jared O'Brien', is written over a horizontal line.

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