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Ref. Platreef Mitigation Project: Destruction permit application for Site PLA1677/S.35-027 In terms of Section 35(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999).

Attention: Ms. Ragna Redelstorff

This interim report describes the scope, context, methods and results of the Phase 2 mitigation measures employed at **Site PLA1677/S.35-027**. The mitigation process for this specific site was undertaken under a permit issued by SAHRA on 23 May 2016 (Case ID 7229). The mitigation of Site **PLA1677/S.35-027** was aimed to document and sample the archaeological material that is representative of this site through the following actions:

- Bush clearing on the site, to expose all archaeological features: Completed successfully.
- Detailed mapping of the site layout and archaeological features with an EDM: Completed successfully (Figure 3, 4 and 5 in the mitigation report).
- Test excavations to determine site extend as well as to identify features and depth of the archaeological deposit: Completed successfully;
- Based on this information certain features will be further excavated with the aim of obtaining cultural material to positively identify the cultural group, determine site layout and the relationship between circular and rectangular features: Completed successfully;
- If possible, obtain datable material: Unfortunately nothing datable was retrieved from this site.

This interim field report describes this undertaking. We are positive that the field work described in this report successfully achieved this aim and produced a dataset to contextualise and describe the site. On this basis we support and recommend that the permit for destruction of **Site PLA1677/S.35-027** be approved. We are confident that the recovered sample will serve the research community as well as interested and affected communities who could possibly have a link to the site to understand the position of this site in the Mogalakwena historical landscape.

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The permit was issued for two sites (**Site PLA1677/S.35-027** and **Site PLA1677/S.35-006**) and the final mitigation report will incorporate results from both sites. Excavations for **Site PLA1677/S.35-006** will be conducted in 2017. This interim report is presented to enable the mine to continue with development in the general surrounding area of Site **PLA1677/S.35-027**.

The successful completion of the Phase 2 data recovery described in this report allows for the destruction of the site (**PLA1677/S.35-027**) without a complete loss of archaeological information, successfully balancing of the needs of development and the needs of archaeological research.

Kindly contact me with any queries or concerns.

Sincerely

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