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**Ref:** Platreef Project

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SAHRA HEAD OFFICE  
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Attention: Ms. Colette Scheermeyer

Dear Madam:

**Re: Permit application for mitigation measures to be employed for the proposed Platreef Project on the farms Turfspruit 241 KR and Rietfontein 2 KS, Mokopane, Limpopo Province.**

Digby Wells Environmental was contracted to conduct a Heritage Impact Assessment for the proposed Platreef Platinum Mine on the farms on the farms Bultongfontein 866 LR, Turfspruit 241 KR, Macalacaskop 243 KR and Rietfontein 2 KS in Mokopane, Limpopo Province.

During the survey the following sites were identified:

- Three archaeological sites;
- Fifty-five burial grounds;
- A historical werf;
- In addition, a number of Iron Age and Stone Age occurrences have been identified throughout the area considered to be of low significance by the specialist and no further action has been recommended for these occurrences.

Please refer to the initial Heritage report by Digby Wells (Higgitt et al 2013) that was submitted to SAHRA for a description of the sites.

On the present layout plan archaeological sites PLA1677/S.35-027 and possibly PLA1677/S.35-006 will be directly impacted upon by the proposed mining activities. PLA1677/S.35-006 is an Iron Age smelting site with terraced walling located in an area earmarked for the Tailing Storage Facility. Site PLA1677/S.35-027 is an Iron Age/Historical Site located in the Operational Area.

Due to the anticipated impact on these sites Heritage Contracts and Archaeological Consulting (HCAC) was appointed to conduct the necessary mitigation as per the comments received from SAHRA for the project (SAHRA reference 9/2/224/0001). Please find herewith the application permit and supporting documentation for the mitigation of the archaeological sites PLA1677/S.35-027 and PLA1677/S.35-006.

Supporting documents submitted on SAHRIS include:

- Confirmation of Appointment
- Land Owners Permission Letter
- Confirmation that material would be curated by the University of the Witwatersrand
- Proof of payment.

Prof Tom Huffman will act as Principal Investigator for this project.

Please note that HCAC is appointed by Platreef only to deal with the archaeological component for the project and is not responsible for the mitigation of the burial grounds and historical werf and therefore the permit application is only for sites PLA1677/S.35-027 and PLA1677/S.35-006.

Any further queries can be forwarded to Jaco van der Walt on Cell: +27 82 373 8491 or to [jaco.heritage@gmail.com](mailto:jaco.heritage@gmail.com)



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## **References**

Higgit, N., Karodia, S., du Piesanie, J., & Nel, J. 2013. Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Platreef Mining Project on the farms Bultongfontein 866 LR, Turfspruit 241 KR, Macalacaskop 243 KR and Rietfontein 2 KS in Mokopane, Limpopo Province.