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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR EXEMPTION: PALAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE EVEREST NORTH MINING DEVELOPMENT

Dear Mr Hine,

On behalf of our client, Aquarius Platinum SA (Pty) Ltd, please find herewith a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption from a Palaeontological Impact Assessment. The exemption requested is in regard to a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) that is required as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) required in terms Section 24 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (107 of 1998) and Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999(25 of 1999).

Please refer to the attached HIA details regarding project description, findings and results and recommendations. The HIA will be integrated into the Draft EIA Report that will be submitted for public review as required by the NEMA process. In brief, we request the Letter of Recommendation for Exemption based on the following:

- The proposed Everest North Mining Project area is situated on the Dwars River Sub-suite of the Rustenburg Layered Suite;
- These formations include platinum group metals and do not have palaeontological potential;
- In general, the geological formations found in the project area are of low overall palaeontological sensitivity as no records of fossil discoveries in the geological formations of the project area have been recorded.

We look forward to receiving your timeous comments as required under Section 38 of the NHRA.

Regards,

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