



## **Final Comment**

### **In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

Attention: Bokoni Platinum Mine (Pty) Ltd  
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### **Proposed Bokoni Platinum Opencast Mine, Sekhukhune, Limpopo Province**

Karodia, S. June 2013. Heritage Impact Assessment For The Proposed Bokoni Klipfontein Opencast Mine Project, Klipfontein 465 Ks, Sekhukhune, Limpopo Province

Bokoni Platinum proposes the establishment of an open cast mine on farm Klipfontein 465 KS, Limpopo Province. A previous watching brief assessment was submitted to SAHRA for the construction of a haul road for the proposed Klipfontein project. Eighteen heritage sites were identified, a number of which were considered to be significant enough for the haul road to have been realigned.

The report that has been submitted to SAHRA focused on the location and identification of heritage resources within the footprint of the open cast pit. No mention is made about what associated infrastructure will be required, although one of the maps indicates the location of two rocks dumps. A number of heritage resources were identified in the open cast area. Eight archaeological occurrences belonging to the Iron Age/Historical period and one to the Iron and Stone Age. Two informal burial grounds, one with two graves and one with nineteen graves were also recorded. The likelihood of more graves being located around this area is however high and these may just be some of the burials actually present in the area.

Since the nine archaeological sites and the twenty-two burials are located within the open cast mining area, it is expected that they will be directly impacted by the mining.

The area is underlain by rocks of the Bushveld Complex which is igneous and as such it is not expected to contain fossiliferous material.

### **Case decision**

Considering the proximity of the burials to the open case mining area, SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves Unit recommends that the graves be relocated. Provisions stipulated in section 36 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act No. 25 of 1999) are applicable, and relocation of these might proceed provided that a public consultation process of 60 days is followed (SAHRA Regulations). Additional graves located in the blast radius may also be negatively impacted upon, as such relocation should be undertaken also for these burials, when and if identified.





Site BOK1630/2429BD/S.35-021, an Iron Age/Historic feature, maybe directly related to the burial grounds s.36.001. Such relationship should further investigated and recorded during the relocation of the burial ground.

If any new evidence of archaeological sites or artefacts, palaeontological fossils, graves or other heritage resources are found during mining or construction, SAHRA and a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, according to the nature of the findings, must be alerted immediately.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/120977>

**Terms & Conditions:**

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.





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3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.

