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## **Final Comment**

In terms of Section 38(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

<u>Attention:</u> Sibanye Rustenburg Platinum Mines (Proprietary) Limited
Kroondale Operations, Farm 304 JQ, Waterval Road, Off Kroondale Village, 0350

## PROPOSED VENTILATION SHAFT AT THE SIPHUMELELE 1 MINE AT RUSTENBURG SIBANYE RUSTENBURG PLATINUM MINES (PTY) LTD - RUSTENBURG SECTION LOCATED NEAR RUSTENBURG WITHIN THE NORTH WEST PROVINCE (KLIPFONTEIN 300 JQ)

WSP Environmental (Pty) Ltd was appointed by Sibanye Rustenburg Platinum Mines (Proprietary) Limited to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application Process for an additional ventilation shaft on an existing Mining Right Area on the Remainder of Portion 2, Klipfontein 300JQ, Bonjanala District Municipality. A draft Environmental Assessment Report for the Amendment of the Existing Environmental Authorisation has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, No 107 of 1998 (NEMA) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014.

A clarification letter regarding the previously submitted Heritage Impact Assessment has been submitted by WSP Environmental (Pty) Ltd.

The letter clarified that no heritage resources were identified within the proposed vent shaft development area.

## **Final Comment**

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit accepts the recommendations provided in the submitted HIA as clarified in the above mentioned letter. The recommendations provided in the report and the additional following condition should be included in the final report:

- The final Environmental Assessment report and all appendices must be uploaded to the case file once submitted to the DEA;
- If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/John Gribble 021 462 5402) must be alerted. If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately. A professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the

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finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required;

• Should the proposed development be granted an Environmental Authorisation, SAHRA must be informed and the decision letter must be uploaded to the case file.

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

Yours faithfully

Natasha Higgitt Heritage Officer

South African Heritage Resources Agency

John Gribble

Manager: Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage Unit / Acting Manager: Archaeology, Palaeontology and

Meteorites Unit

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