

**Environmental Authorisation for prospecting right for Platinum Group Metals (PGM) and Chrome, on farm Waagfotein 89 JQ within Bojanala Platinum District Municipality, North West Province, South Africa.**

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## Interim Comment

### In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

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**The proposed project is located on Portion 2, and 4 – 35 of farm Waagfontein 89 JQ, situated in the local district of Bojanala Platinum, North West Province, South Africa. As part of the Basic Assessment process, an environmental authorisation is required. The need of the Basic Assessment process was determined through envisaged environmental impacts at the proposed locality that would need to be assessed and mitigation measures to be put in place prior to activity commencement. As such, there would be several environmental specialist studies would be undertaken so to assess the envisaged impacts that might arise with the establishment of the proposed development. Below are the proposed specialist studies that would form part of the Basic Assessment process: • Biodiversity Assessment; and • Wetland (Surface Water) Assessment**

Thank you for notifying SAHRA of the proposed prospecting activities on Portion 2, and 4 – 35 of farm Waagfontein 89 JQ within Bojanala Platinum District Municipality, North West Province.

As the proposed development is undergoing an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application process as per the National Environmental Management Act, No 107 of 1998 (NEMA), for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, No 28 of 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended), it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a **Heritage Impact Assessment** (HIA) is done as per section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). This must include the archaeological component (Phase 1) and any other applicable heritage components. The HIA must be conducted **as part of the EA** Application in terms of NEMA and the 2014 or 2017 NEMA EIA Regulations.

The quickest process to follow for the archaeological component would be to contract a specialist (see [www.asapa.org.za](http://www.asapa.org.za) / [www.aphp.org.za](http://www.aphp.org.za)) to provide a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment Report. The Phase 1 Impact Assessment Report will identify the archaeological sites and assess their significance. It should also make recommendations (as indicated in section 38) about the process to be followed. The SAHRA 2006 Minimum Standards for Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessments must be followed.

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Where bedrock is to be affected, or where there are coastal sediments, or marine or river terraces and in potentially fossiliferous superficial deposits, a Palaeontological study must be undertaken to assess whether or not the development will impact upon palaeontological resources (see [www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za](http://www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za) for qualified palaeontologists). The Palaeontological Assessment must comply with the 2012 SAHRA Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessment Reports.

Any other heritage resources that may be impacted such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed.

All environmental reports and appendices produced as part of the EA application process must be submitted to the SAHRIS Case file in order for an informed comment to be issued. Additionally, the proposed development application outline must be mapped on the GIS Layer of the SAHRIS application.

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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