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Final Comment

In terms of Section 38(4), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Impala Platinum Limited

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RUSTENBURG
0300

Impala Platinum Limited (Impala), a member of the Implats group of companies, has a platinum group metals (PGM) mining and processing operation located approximately 16 km north-north-west of the town of Rustenburg, in the Rustenburg Local Municipality and the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality, North West province. Impala's Shaft 16 Complex is located on the farm Reinkoyalskraal 278 JQ and comprises of a main shaft for access to the underground areas, waste rock dump (WRD) and stockpile areas, and support services. As part of its on-going mine planning, Impala has identified the need for additional parking bays on site to accommodate the increasing number of employees at the Shaft 16 Complex using their own vehicles. In this regard, Impala is proposing to expand the existing parking area by 672 additional covered parking bays. The proposed expansion will be undertaken within Impala's Mining Right (MR) boundary, but outside of the current boundary of the Shaft 16 Complex and will cover an area of approximately 2.5 ha.

SLR Consulting (Africa) (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Impala Platinum Limited to conduct an Environmental Authorisation Application for proposed expansion of the parking area at the Shaft 16 Complex, Impala Platinum Mine, Rustenburg, North West Province.

A draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2017 EIA Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended). The proposed development includes the expansion of the parking area with excavation and terracing for foundations, concrete works, plumbing, electrical, fencing, storm water drainage, security and access control.

Dr Julius Pistorius and Professor Marion Bamford were appointed to provide heritage specialist input into the EA process as per section 24(4)b(iii) of the NEMA and section 38(3) and section 38(8) of the National Heritage

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Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Bamford, M. 2021. RE: Request for Exemption of any Palaeontological Impact Assessment for the proposed Parking Phase 1 for Impala Platinum Limited, Shaft 16 Complex, Rustenburg Operation, North West Province.

The proposed development area is underlain by intrusive igneous rocks that do not contain fossils. No further recommendations were provided.

Pistorius, J. C. C. 2021. A Phase I Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) Study for Impala Platinum's Proposed New Parking Area at the Impala Shaft 16 Complex in Rustenburg in the North-West Province.

No heritage resources were identified within the proposed development area. A Chance Finds Procedure is recommended to be implemented.

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The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be included in the Final BAR and EMPr:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections to the proposed development;
- 38(4)b – The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. No further additional specific conditions are provided for the development;
- 38(4)c(i) – 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/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)d – See section 51(1) of the NHRA regarding offences;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:

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- i) If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA;
- The Final BAR must be submitted to the SAHRIS application for record purposes;
- The decision regarding the EA application must be submitted to the SAHRIS application for record purposes.

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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South African Heritage Resources Agency

Phillip Hine
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South African Heritage Resources Agency

ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/575294>
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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.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.