

BOKONI PLATINUM MINES: RAPHOLO RIVER REHABILITATION AND WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT

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Interim 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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Bokoni Platinum Mine proposes to undertake rehabilitation activities in the Rapholo River (7.9 ha) and construct a Water Treatment Plant (0.3 ha). The project is located on the farms Middelpunt 420 KS, Umkoanesstad 419 KS and Zeekoegat 421 KS, falling within the jurisdiction of the Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality, Limpopo Province

Bokoni Platinum Mine (Pty) Ltd is rehabilitate the Rapholo River where there is excessive erosion that threatens the future stability of the mines infrastructure (tailings and PCD), in the Greater Tubatse Local Municipality of Limpopo Province.

RedKite Environmental Solutions (Pty) Ltd have been appointed by Bokoni Platinum Mine (Pty) Ltd to undertake an environmental assessment in support of an Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environment Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) for activities that trigger the NEMA EIA 2014 Regulations.

A Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) was submitted to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) for commenting in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Pelser, A.J. October 2021. Report On A Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment For The Bokoni Platinum Mine Rapholo Rive Rehabilitation Project 80km South-East Of Polokwane Sekhukhune District Municipality Of Limpopo.

The author undertook a field assessment of the proposed development and identified 3 sites consisting of various low density Middle Stone Aged (MSA) stone tools and Iron Age potsherds within the assessed non-perennial river banks. However, these sites are located just outside the 7 areas proposed for rehabilitation. The 3 sites are of low significance and are sufficiently recorded in the HIA report. The author recommends no

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further mitigation measures.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology, and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests the submission of the rectification report before providing further comments.

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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