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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: Marula Platinum Pty Ltd

# The Proposed Construction of the Seuwe Bridge and Associated Infrastructure in the Seuwe Village of the Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality, Limpopo Province.

Envirolution Consulting cc was appointed by Marula Platinum Mine (Ltd) to undertake a Basic Assessment application for the Proposed Seuwe Bridge and other infrastructure in the Seuwe Village, Fetakgomo Local Municipality, Limpopo Province. The proposed bridge will be 170m in length over the Magompane stream.

The HIA report was submitted to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Pelser, A. May 2022. Phase 1 Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment: THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD BRIDGE, REFERRED TO AS SEUWE BRIDGE, IN THE GREATER TUBATSE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, LIMPOPO PROVINCE.

The authors undertook a field assessment and only identified a single Middle Stone Aged stone tool within the river bed, as it is a single occurrence. The author recommends chance finds procedures in the event that subsurface archaeological material is uncovered during construction.

The area is underlain by rock strata of low palaeontological significance and according to the palaeomap policy, a Fossil Chance Finds procedure must be included in the EMP.

#### **Final Comment**

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology, and Meteorites (APM) Unit notes and accepts the submission of the draft BAR, and HIA report. SAHRA has no objections to the proposed development on the following conditions:

38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections to the

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proposed development;

38(4)b – The recommendations provided by the heritage specialists are supported and must be adhered to. No other 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 (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Phillip Hine 021 202 8654) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offence 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/Ngqalabutho Madida 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offence 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;

38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:

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 SAHRA for record purposes;

The decision regarding the EA Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case 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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### ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/606183

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.