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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: GCS Water and Environmental Consultants - Durban

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Booyesendal South Amendment

GCS Water and Environmental Consultants have been appointed by Booyesendal Platinum (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Amendment Application for proposed amendments to the authorised Booyesendal South Mine, near Oshoek, Mpumalanga Province (MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1 (127) MR).

A Draft Amendment Application Report has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the EIA Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended). The proposed amendments include two ventilation shafts, associated powerline and roads.

This application is linked to a previous SAHRIS application i.e. Case ID 12523

(
<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/proposed-booyesendal-south-phase-2-expansion-project-steelpoort-limpopo-mpumalanga-province>). SAHRA noted no objections to the development and provided conditions.

Beyond Heritage (Pty) Ltd were appointed to provide heritage specialist input as per section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Van der Walt, J. 2022. Heritage Statement – For the Part 2 Amendment for the Booyesendal BS4 Vent Shaft.

No heritage resources were identified within the proposed development area. The amendment will not change the nature or significance of impact assessed in the 2018 study and no additional management measures are recommended.

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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 Amendment Report and EMPr:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Development Applications Unit (DAU) has no objections to the proposed amendments;
- 38(4)b – The results and recommendations of the specialist is endorsed. 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 DAU (Natasha Higgitt 012 202 8660/ nhiggitt@sahra.org.za) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with this 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 DAU (Natasha Higgitt 012 202 8660/ nhiggitt@sahra.org.za) must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with this 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:
 - 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 Amendment Report and EMPr must be submitted to the SAHRIS application for record purposes;
- The decision regarding the EA Amendment 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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Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/607298>

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.