



Final Comment

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

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AQUARIUS PLATINUM (SOUTH AFRICA) (PTY) LTD (AQPSA) ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE AQPSA K5 UPPER UNDERGROUND MINING AREA at their Kwezi underground mining operations near Zinniaville and Industrial Area, Rustenburg, North West Province.

Thank you for informing SAHRA of the proposed expansion of the underground mining operations of the Aquarius Platinum (South Africa) Pty Ltd (AQPSA) using the Kwezi shaft. The project area is on the farm Town and Townlands Rustenburg 272, Rustenburg Local Municipality, North-West Province.

The project involves the expansion of underground mining to the K5 Upper underground area, mining will be at a depth of 30m to 70m downwards using the existing Kwezi mine shaft, with no new surface construction planned. The project area is located within the Zinniaville industrial area of Rustenburg, next to the Kwezi mine right area.

The proposed project area lies on negligible palaeontologically sensitive zone, thus SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit exempts the developer from conducting a palaeontological impact assessment for the proposed project.

The landscape of the surrounding proposed underground mine expansion has been significantly modified by the town of Rustenburg, also above the underground mine are various industrial buildings of the Zinniaville Industrial Area. SAHRA APM Unit exempts you from conducting a Heritage Impact Assessment for the proposed development area.

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology & Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objection to the proposed development on the condition that:

- If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments and charcoal/ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA APM Unit (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Colette Scheermeyer 021 462 4502), and unmarked human burials contact the SAHRA BGG Unit (Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately, and a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted



Aquarius Platinum SA's proposed extension of the K5 Upper underground mining area

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Yours faithfully

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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/180310>
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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.



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