

Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(2) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Henk Moen
De Groote Boom Minerals (Pty) Ltd

De Grooteboom Mining Permit Application and Associated Environmental Management Plan

De Groote Boom Minerals (Pty) Ltd is proposing to develop and operate an open cast pit mine located on Portion 2 and the remainder of the farm De Grooteboom 373 KT, Greater Tubatse Local Municipality, Limpopo Province. The proposed development will entail the mining of Platinum Group Metals, construction of the mobile crushing plant and office areas for a total area of 5 hectares.

A Heritage Impact Assessment was submitted with the case:

Higgit, N. April 2015. De Grooteboom Mining Permit Application and Associated Environmental Management Plan, Heritage Scoping Report.

Ms Higgit along with Mr Justin du Piesanie undertook a field scoping assessment of the proposed development with the aim of finding and documenting any heritage resources that may be located within and outside the proposed development area. The area of the proposed mine was not thoroughly surveyed due to time constraints in the field.

Artefacts found on the surface includes: a potsherd on the surface of the haul road, and stone tool surface scatters.

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SAHRA APM Unit agrees with the recommendations made in the Heritage Scoping Report:

1. The proposed development lies in a Low to Insignificant sensitive palaeontological sensitive zone (<http://www.sahra.org.za/sahris/map/palaeo>). Thus SAHRA APM unit will exempt the development from conducting a Palaeontological Assessment.
2. A full Heritage Impact Assessment should be conducted, including assessments for archaeology, built environment and graves in the areas where it was not surveyed thoroughly.

SAHRA will await the study before making further comment to the case.

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

Yours faithfully

De Grootboom Mining Permit Application

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