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## Final Comment

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

Attention: Mawetse (SA) Mining Corporation (Pty) Ltd

#### **Basic Assessment Report: Environmental Management Plan in support of the Prospecting Rights Application for Mooihoek 255KT and Driekop 253KT, near Steelpoort, Limpopo Province**

Mawetse (SA) Mining Corporation (Pty) Ltd has applied for a Prospecting Right Application on the farms Mooihoek 255KT and Driekop 253KT to prospect for Platinum Group Metals. The farms are located in the Greater Tubatse Local Municipality within Limpopo Province, 12.7km north of the town Steelpoort. The 5 year prospecting work programme will include non-invasive surveys and ground magnetic surveys, construction of temporary access roads as well as invasive methods that include site clearing for diamond core drilling of 4 boreholes and 3 sumps for storing oil, sludge and water.

*Higgitt, N. December 2015. Heritage Basic Assessment Report: Environmental Management Plan in support of the Prospecting Rights Application for Mooihoek 255KT and Driekop 253KT, near Steelpoort, Limpopo Province.*

The author undertook a Heritage Basic Assessment with a field assessment as part of the BA process for the Prospecting Right Application. Drill site 002 was not assessed due to restrictions on access to the site thus the report recommends the relocation of the drilling site to a new area which should be assessed by an archaeologist before ground clearing. Also the assessment noted the presence of heritage resources in the local area, two of which are located within the proposed development footprint. One Early Farming Community archaeological site (2430CA5), which was uncovered in prior construction activities, is located 520m away from the nearest drill site 1, and a single grave site (MHC001) is located 1.8 km from the nearest drill site 1. No impacts to heritage resources are anticipated.

The geology of the area is underlain by the Bushveld Complex which consists of unfossiliferous igneous rocks of the Rustenburg Layered Suite. The likelihood of fossils occurring in the area is insignificant.

#### **Final Comment**

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit have no objection to this proposed development. The following conditions must be adhered to and included in the EMP for implementation:



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- No drilling activities may occur within 100 m of identified heritage resources.
- Drill site 002 should be relocated. If relocation is not possible, it should be monitored by an archaeologist during surface clearance as it was not assessed due to restricted access.
- Grave site MHC001 must be conserved *on site* and fenced off with a buffer of 5 m to avoid possible damage.
- A chance finds procedure must be developed and included in the EMPr, in case any heritage resources (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments and charcoal/ash concentrations) are uncovered. The procedure should include that if any heritage resources are uncovered then construction and drilling must cease in the immediate vicinity and the ECO must report the finds to the responsible heritage authority. Also 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, and a permit will be needed before mitigation. You may contact SAHRA APM Unit for further details: (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Phillip Hine 021 202 8652),
- If any unmarked human burials are uncovered then please contact the SAHRA BGG Unit (Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490).
- If Mining Rights should be applied for, a full Heritage Impact Assessment will be required.

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: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/354132>  
(, Ref: LP 2530 PR)

**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.