

**Application for proposed Chrome Ore, Platinum Group Metals, Manganese, Iron Ore, Copper, Rare Earth, Nickel, Magnesite, Lithium Ore, Lead, Cobalt, Zinc mining permit**

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## **Final Comment**

**In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

**Attention:** SOLOFELANG BASADI CONSTRUCTION AND PROJECTS (PTY) LTD

### **Proposed mining permit , 5ha on Vogelstruisnek 173 Portion 1 within Moses Kotane Local Municipality: Magisterial District of Rustenburg**

Beyond Green Environmental Services (BGES) (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Solofelang Basadi Construction and Projects (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed mining rights application of Chrome ore, Platinum Group Metals, Manganese, Iron ore, Copper, Rare Earth , Nickel, Magnesite, Lithium ore, Lead, Cobalt, Zinc, opencast Mine on an area of about 5 ha on Vogelstruisnek 173 Portion 1 Moses Kotane Local Municipality, Bojanala Platinum District, North West Province (DMRE REF: NW 30/5/1/3/2/ 10957 MP).

A Final Basic Assessment Report (FBAR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, no 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations for activities that trigger the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (As Amended). The proposed mining through blasting and drilling and the setup of associated infrastructure such as the construction of an office and ablution block, upgrade of access roads, crusher plants, stock piles etc.. on an estimated area of 5 ha.

It is stated in section K, pg. 46 of the FBAR that "A Screening of the study area indicated a low sensitivity nature of the importance of palaeontology, archaeology, and heritage of the proposed mining area. And, based on experience and lack of any previously recorded fossils from the area, it is extremely unlikely that any fossils would be preserved in the mined-out area from the Bushveld Complex during previous mining operations. There is an extremely small chance that fossils may have survived the mining operation and the natural weathering while exposed to sun, wind, and rain. And Lastly, that if fossils are found the remaining activities have commenced then they should be rescued and photographs sent to a palaeontologist called to assess their scientific value, and if deemed necessary to collect a representative sample"

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The SAHRA APM Unit acknowledges receipt of the Final BAR report and comments provided therein in

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relation to the potential impact of the proposed development on heritage resources. SAHRA would like to state that since the applicant has submitted a Final BAR and had not undertaken a Heritage Impact Assessment for the proposed development in terms section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (25 of 1999) and did not afford SAHRA an opportunity to comment on the application during the public participation process, SAHRA reject the application and advises the applicant to forward this comment to the competent Authority.

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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**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.