



Interim Comment

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

Attention: Platreef Resources (Pty) Ltd

The proposed Platreef Platinum Project on the farms Turfspruit 241 KR, Macalacaskop 243 KR and Rietfontein 2 KS in Mokopane, Limpopo Province

Digby Wells, June 2013. Heritage Statement for the Platreef Platinum Project on the farms Turfspruit 241 KR, Macalacaskop 243 KR and Rietfontein 2 KS in Mokopane, Limpopo Province.

Platreef Platinum Project holds the prospecting rights for platinum is proposing to start an underground mine on Farms Turfspruit 241 KR, Macalacaskop 243 KR and Rietfontein 2 KS.

The proposed mining will be undertaken underground with the primary access being via the production and service shaft. Three additional ventilation shafts will also be developed along with other infrastructure such as stopes, access ramps to them and access roads.

The new mine is located about 5 km south of Anglo American's Mogalakwena Platinum Mine and currently the land is used for farming activities and for settlements, the land use will therefore need to be changed into mining activities.

The heritage scoping report has already recorded a few heritage resources widespread on the surrounding landscape. These sites belong to the Stone Age, Iron Age and Historical period. The specialists identified 72 burial grounds and three single graves along with two Stone Age sites, one of which also with Iron Age material, three sites with historical material, five dated to the historical period and Late Iron Age and eleven sites belonging to the Iron Age.

The specialists at Digby Wells recommended that a heritage impact assessment being undertaken on the entire Project Area (inclusive of alternatives) during the Environmental Impact Report phase.

Case Decision:

SAHRA agrees with the recommendations of the report and would like specifically to request that:





- A heritage impact assessment must be compiled and included in the environmental impact assessment report.
- The heritage impact assessment must include archaeology, palaeontology, intangible heritage and an assessment of burial grounds and graves (s. 36 of the NHRA).
- Given the proximity (20km) of the mine to the National and World Heritage Site of Makapan, SAHRA recommends that the possible impact of the mine on this site be assessed. This assessment must also consider the likely visual impact.
- The palaeontological impact assessment, conducted by a palaeontologist, must take into consideration the entire mining area. SAHRA leaves it to the discretion of the specialist to decide which sections of the project area should be subjected to a field survey.

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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