



Final Comment

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

Attention:

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PROPOSED WBJV MASEVE PLATINUM PROJECT ON PORTION 2 OF THE FARM ELANDSFONTEIN 102 JQ AND VARIOUS PORTIONS OF THE FARM FRISCHGEWAAGD 96 JQ

Maseve Investments 11 (Pty) Ltd is proposing the development of the Western Bushveld Joint Venture project (WBJV Project 1) which is to be located on Portion 2 of Farm Elandsfontein 102 JQ and several portions of Farm Frischgewaagd 96 JQ in the North West Province. The facility and associated infrastructure will occupy approximately 51 041 ha. Infrastructure will include two waste rock dumps, a tailings dam and a concentrator plant as well as roads and conveyor belts linking these features.

The receiving environment is located south of the Pilanesberg Game Reserve and the Elands River and east of the R565. The land is gently undulating and slopes down towards the Elands River in the north. The vegetation is dense Clay Thorn Bushveld and large areas of the site have been heavily disturbed by agricultural activities.

The archaeologist conducted a desk based study as well as a survey of the study area. The desk based study revealed that the area is likely to contain evidence from the Early, Middle and Later Stone Ages as well as the Iron Age. Historically, many of the local Bakgatla people owned land in this area up until the mid-1800s when the land was settled by white farmers; it was ascertained that Farm Frischgewaagd was first inspected in 1862. A wagon road between Rustenburg and Saulspoort traversed the farm and it is possible that a Boer encampment was located on or near the farm during the South African War. The archaeological field survey, however, found no evidence for heritage resources on the property, probably due to a combination of poor visibility in the densely vegetated areas and the agricultural disturbance elsewhere. The archaeologist also points out that the vegetation coverage may have impeded settlement or use of the area in the past. Several sites are known from the vicinity, but these are located closer to the Elands River and around hills and rocky outcrops.

Decision:

As there is apparently no evidence of any significant archaeological material in this area, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has no objection to the development (in terms of the archaeological component of the heritage resources) on condition that, if any new evidence of archaeological sites or artefacts, palaeontological fossils, graves or other heritage resources are found during development,





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construction or mining, SAHRA and an archaeologist and/or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be alerted immediately.

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:

(DMR, Ref: NW 30/5/1/2/2/528 MR)

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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