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Final Comment

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

Attention: Sibanye Gold Limited

Ezulwini Mining Right, part of the West Rand Tailings Retreatment Project

Higgitt, N. & Du Piesanie, J. January 2016. Environmental Impact Assessment for Sibanye Gold Limited's West Rand Tailings Retreatment Project: Heritage Impact Assessment

The proposed development entails a project known as the West Rand Tailings Retreatment Project (WRTRP) whereby historical Tailings Storage Facilities (TSF) will be retreated, including those of the Driefontein Complex, Kloof Complex, Rand Uranium and Ezulwini. Future reclamation of other dumps in the area is also likely. Treatment of the dump material will take place at a proposed new Central Processing Plant, resultant tailings will be deposited on a proposed new Regional Tailings Storage Facility.

A total of 27 heritage resources were identified through the assessment:

- One Late Farming Community site ascribed low significance.
- Eight structures ascribed negligible significance
- Thirteen werfs ascribed negligible significance
- Four burial grounds ascribed very high significance.

Final Comment

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit supports the following authors' recommendations:

For site LFC-02, that it must be recorded, including detailed site mapping, and possibly surface sampling (which will require permitting), and that the proposed routing of the Kloof 4 to RTSF OHL power line be amended as far as feasible to preserve the site in situ, along with a Watching Brief implemented during the construction phase.



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For the four recorded burial grounds, SAHRA supports the authors' recommendations that, for BGG-015 and BGG-022, a Burial Grounds and Graves Consultation (BGGC) Process, as described, must be completed and that BGG-023 and BGG-027 be included in the BGGC Process as described, and that a 50 metre buffer be established around the burial grounds, the sites be clearly demarcated through fencing, and a Watching Brief be implemented during the construction phase.

For the recorded werfs and structures, SAHRA APM supports the authors' recommendation that no further mitigation is required.

As stated previously in the Interim Comment, The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit grants exemption to this project from having to undertake further palaeontological assessments, on condition that, if any fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA must be alerted immediately, and a professional palaeontologist must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings.

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.