



Interim Comment

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

Attention: Impala Platinum Refineries
PO Box 222
Springs 1560

BASIC ASSESSMENT (GDARD REF: 0011213/0225) PROPOSAL TO REVISE THE LAYOUT OF THE APPROVED IMPALA PLATINUM REFINERY EXPANSION PROJECT

Kaplan, J. February 2013. Recommended Exemption From Having To Conduct An Archaeological Impact Study: The Proposed Impala Platinum Precious Metals Refinery Expansion Project In Springs, Gauteng Province.

The layout plan for this proposed development has been revised to include changes to the location of the main buildings, as well as new packing and dispatch buildings, a new ablution block, construction and contractors yards, security and control rooms, and a new substation. Parking facilities and security layout will also be revised. The revised plan further entails moving to a new location in the precious metal refinery. The author notes that all proposed activities will take place within the footprint area of the existing facility.

The author states that the receiving environment constitutes a severely disturbed and transformed industrial landscape, with surrounding land use comprising residential suburbs, slimes dam, waste water treatment works, dams and limited agriculture.

The author notes that the probability of locating any significant surface archaeological heritage within the footprint area of the existing facility is likely to be very low and the author recommends that no archaeological mitigation is required.

As there is apparently no evidence of any significant archaeological material in this area, and the Fossil Sensitivity Map shows this area to be of insignificant palaeontological sensitivity, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has no objection to the development and grants exemption from further archaeological impact assessments, on condition that, if any new evidence of archaeological sites or artefacts, graves or other archaeological heritage resources is found during development, SAHRA must be alerted immediately.

In terms of possible palaeontological heritage, the Fossil Sensitivity Map shows the development area to be of high palaeontological sensitivity and therefore a desktop study is required, and based on the outcome of the desktop study, a field assessment is likely. Once this study has been submitted to SAHRA for comments, a



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Final Comment regarding this proposed development can be issued.

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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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/155024>

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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