

## A new genus and species of *Nothomorphina* Cobos, 1955 from northwestern South Africa (Coleoptera: Buprestidae: Polycestinae)

C. L. BELLAMY

*Plant Pest Diagnostic Lab, California Department of Food & Agriculture, 3294 Meadowview Road, Sacramento, California, 95832, U.S.A.; email: cbellamy@cdfa.ca.gov*

### Abstract

A new genus and species, *Richtersveldia insperata* Bellamy, gen. & sp. nov., is described from the Northern Cape Province, South Africa. The new genus is placed in the subtribe *Nothomorphina* Cobos, 1955 and a key to separate the four genera in that subtribe is given. The new species is illustrated with one color plate showing different aspects of habitus and close-ups of head, antenna and aedeagus.

**Key words:** Coleoptera, Buprestidae, Polycestinae, *Nothomorphina*, South Africa, taxonomy, new genus, new species

### Introduction

While much study has taken place in recent years regarding the Subsaharan African component of the large buprestid tribe *Acmaeoderini* Kerremans, 1893 (e.g. Holm, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1985, 1986, Holm & Schoeman, 1999), it would be naive to think that the fauna of this tribe is completely understood. In fact, an opinion strongly held by Erik Holm (pers. comm.) was that one likely place to anticipate interesting new buprestids are the remote arid lands of southern Namibia and adjacent northwestern South Africa. Thus, it was not completely unexpected to find a remarkable new buprestid in a shipment from the Humboldt-Universität Museum für Naturkunde, Berlin sent by Dr. Manfred Uhlig and Stephan Gottwald. Dr. Uhlig has allowed that the unique specimen described below should be deposited in the type collection of the Coleoptera Department, Transvaal Museum, Pretoria; this is likely the result of the terms of collecting permits granted to members of Berlin museum for their work in South Africa.