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Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and
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The South African Heritage Resource Agency

P.O.BOX 4637

Cape Town 8000

Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: REPOSITORY FORT ARCHAEOLOGICAL MATERIAL REMAINS FROM SITE 37-AN
IRON AGE SITE ON PORTION 3 OF THE FARM OVERVLAKTE 125MS AFFECTED BY VELE
COAL MINE -EAST PIT EXTENSION**

The Human Sciences Department, the home of archaeology section will be the repository for all cultural materials remains to be rescued during the Cultural Resource Management program to be conducted on Site 37- an Iron Age site to be affected by the proposed Vele Coal Mine- East Pit extension. The site is positioned 50 kilometres northwest of Musina Central Business District(CBD), within the Musina local municipality of the Vhembe District, Limpopo Province.

As part of an ongoing research initiative program within the region the University of Venda has taken a lead initiative where all cultural material remains from heritage sites are curated within the Limpopo Province. Archaeological Section has storage facility which meet international best standards for the curation of cultural material remains. Appropriate and systematic preparation of collection on the part of researcher (depositor) prior to transfer to the university is an integral part of ensuring that these standards are met. The department is also committed to curate the materials in a manner that does not impair their potential as source of information and within the best

international standards. The archaeological material remains will be made accessible in a manner that is consistent with responsible use and conservation. To best accomplish these ends, the department through its research facility in the Anthropology Museum has organized archaeological collection into several basic categories for the benefit of both research and conservation. These collections are available for further research to professional archaeologist and postgraduate students. Any release of the materials for special analyses, thereby removing them from the University 's direct control will be documented in writing, specifying the terms and conditions of loans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P.E. Matshidze', is placed over a light grey rectangular background.

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