

Renewal of archaeological permits for the proposed Mamelodi to Vlakfontein pipeline.

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Letter

In terms of Section 35(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mr Munyadziwa Magoma
Vhubvo Archaeo-Heritage Consultants
P.O. Box 696
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0970 Makwarela

Request is hereby made for the permits (Permit ID: 2230, 2231, 2235 and 2237) previously issued by SAHRA to be renewed. These permits were issued in relation to the proposed Mamelodi to Vlakfontein. An archaeological survey conducted during the Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment identified ten archaeological and historical sites. Of these sites, four were found to be directly affected by the proposed pipeline development even after alignments had been effected.

Dear Mr M. Magoma,

Thank you for your permit application for the destruction of three Late Iron Age stonewalled sites (P3-1; P3-2; P3-10) and one historic stonewall (P3-7) on the farm Zwartkoppies 364 JR, situated east of Pretoria, Gauteng Province. It must be noted that the permit serves as a renewal of four expired permits (PermitIDs 2230, 2231, 2235 and 2237) that were previously approved by SAHRA.

In a letter associated with Permit ID2230 for destruction of site P3-7, SAHRA stated that:

“The site is expected to be impacted by the construction of a water supply pipeline between Mamelodi and Vlakfontein. SAHRA APM Unit commented on this case on the 22nd of January 2009 and supported the recommendations of the author in relation to the sites. Amongst these recommendations one stated that: *After completion of construction activities in this area the historic stone wall (P3-7) must be repacked in the same way it was before construction.* SAHRA APM Unit, along with the SAHRA APMHOB permit committee, had re-assessed this recommendation and agreed that for the principles of authenticity of the site and of its scientific value, this action was not advisable. Therefore, although the site may be impacted upon during the development under the supervision of a professional archaeologist, the stones should not be re-packed, but *stored on site in a manner which is found most suitable by the archaeologist and which does not compromise the authenticity of the site.*”

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This condition still stands and was incorporated in the permit conditions. The new permit is valid until 31 March 2021.

We wish you every success with this project.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

Ragna Redelstorff
Heritage Officer
South African Heritage Resources Agency

Phillip Hine
Manager: Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit
South African Heritage Resources Agency

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Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/534645>

Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for

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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.