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## Letter

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

Attention: Eric Mathoho

Millennium Heritage Group

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347 Charles Street, Brooklyn, Pretoria

**MCM Mining seeks to establish Makhado Colliery on the foot of the Soutpansberg mountains about 30 kilometres north of Makhado (Louis Trichard), Limpopo Province. In conformity with legal requirements, MCM appointed specialists to assess the impact of the proposed project on the receiving environment. The Environmental Impact Assessment was duly approved (see Appendix 1). A heritage impact assessment was performed and approved as part of the bigger EIA process (Roodt 2012). MCM Mining has decided to roll out the development. However, as a firm believer in sound heritage and environmental stewardship, MCM Mining commissioned Millennium Heritage (Pty) Ltd to perform a confirmatory study to identify and assess the impact of the proposed development on identified heritage resources (Chirikure and Mathoho 2018).**

Dear Dr Shadreck Chirikure and Mr Eric Mathoho,

Thank you for your application for a mitigation permit for archaeological sites on the farms Windhoek 649 MS & Tanga 648 MS, Vhembe District Municipality, Limpopo Province, to be impacted on by opencast mining operations of the Makhado Coal Mine.

The proposal is not clear as to which of the 15 sites are proposed to be mitigated. In addition, the methodology is vague and does not speak to the details of the collection/excavation requirements of each site, e.g. ceramics, grain bin foundations, ablution block.

SAHRA APM request that an amended proposal be submitted that describes in more detail which sites are to be mitigated and a detailed methodology for each site. This must include a map that indicates where the test excavations will be done. Also please indicate who will be doing the mitigation.

In addition, landowner permission as well as a consent letter from the curator of the institution, at which the material will be accessioned, are required to be submitted.

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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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Heritage Officer  
South African Heritage Resources Agency

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**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/538282>

**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.