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Letter of Advice

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

Attention: Willem Hatting
Nkomati Anthracite(Pty)Ltd

Application for the destruction of archaeological site NMKA005 and NKMA007 situated on the property of Nkomati Anthracite Mine, Nkomazi Local Municipality, in the Ehlanzeni District Municipality, Mpumalanga Province

Dear Wouter,

RE: Application for Destruction of NKMA005

Thank you for providing a day-to-day update on the progress of the destruction of site NKMA005 and NKMA007 a&b and the monitoring outcomes. The SAHRA has noted the discovery of eleven (11) skeleton remains since this process commenced on Monday, 6th December. The SAHRA has resolved that the discovered skeletal remains can be exhumed and relocated under the current and active section 36 permit (**permit ID: 3230**) issued by the Burial Grounds and Graves Unit. It is further noted that six (6) graves were previously relocated under this permit and the permit application was for the exhumation and relocation of 25 graves as per social consultation process outcomes. A balance of nineteen (19) graves currently exists under **permit ID 3230** which is set to expire on 31st March 2022.

The SAHRA has also noted the rate at which these discoveries are being made and that there is a possibility of the balance of nineteen (19) graves being exceeded. SAHRA advises the applicant to consider amending the current permit (3230) or consider applying for a new permit once the balance is exceeded. Please take note that permit conditions must be adhered to and consent for exhumation and relocation from each of the families must be obtained.

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: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/584542>

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.