

**PERMIT FOR RESCUE EXCAVATIONS OF SITE 37 ON PORTION 3 OF FARM
OVERVLAKTE 125 MS AND VELE COAL MINE- EAST PIT EXTENSION**

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Letter

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

Attention: Eric Mathoho

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During the 2021 monitoring visit by SAHRA, it was recommended that Site 37 be monitored every six months and that it be mitigated through a section 35 permit application given the precarity posed by development expansion. The site was affected by a pre-existing gravel road and continues to be eroded further degrading its information value. Continuous monitoring by MC Mining indicated that Site 37 requires mitigation to preserve it by the record. The site is located within the approved East Pit precinct of Vele Coal Mine. This proposal is for a permit to mitigate Site 37 to generate high-level information to enhance our understanding of the Mapungubwe Cultural Landscape. This will ensure that the site is not impacted should the current footprint of the East Pit be extended.

Dear Mr Eric Mathoho,

Thank you for your application for a mitigation permit for the archaeological site 37 located approximately 600m from the Vele Coal Mine East Pit, Musina local municipality of the Vhembe District, Limpopo Province, which is impacted by natural erosion as well as encroaching mining activities and the use of the access road. The sites is a Zhizo or Late Iron Age site that bears broken pieces of undiagnostic potsherds, animal bones and one piece of rusted iron.

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/612105>

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.