

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

Millennium Heritage Group

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347 Charles Street, Brooklyn, Pretoria

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 E Mathoho,

Thank you for submitting a permit report.

Please amend the report to include the following additions:

- Pictures of the spindle whorls and discussion of the artefacts in the context of surrounding sites such as Schroda and Mapungubwe.
- Discussion if it fits within the Zhizo site model?
- Does the significance of the site change since the uncovering the artefacts.

If the material has been accessioned please also submit a letter from the curator confirming this as well as a catalogue.

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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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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.