



## SOUTH AFRICAN HERITAGE RESOURCES AGENCY

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Ms M Patrick  
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Dear Ms Patrick

**PERMIT:** No. 80/05/10/009/51

I attach as requested a permit to allow for the exhumation of four historic graves on the Farm Witteklip (123), which will be developed to accommodate a retail shopping center, in the Vredenburg District.

SAHRA has noted that documentation provided indicated that a public participation has been followed but relatives/ descendants could not be located. In terms of the process HWC requires that the burials should be relocated as:

- The nature and ambience of a shopping center is not consistent with graves and places of quiet contemplation;
- It is inappropriate to show-case graves as in the suggested format;
- Between the graves described in the report (November 2005) and the "bywoners" house there are a number of possible graves discernible only as rows of stones.

The plans for leaving the burials in-situ do not fully address these concerns and it is considered preferable that the burials are relocated. The graves must be relocated before any earthmoving commences in the area between the identified graves and the house. This area must be cordoned off until it has been ascertained whether there are any additional here. During the exhumation process it is important to secure the site with boardings in order to control traffic on site due to visits from interested members

of the public. SAHRA must approve the site of relocation for the burials. A memorial plaque must be erected on site to indicate where the graves have been relocated.

A report must be submitted to SAHRA on the entire exhumation and relocation process as indicated in the permit conditions. This should include photographs and a written record of the exhumation and the final reinterment.

Should you have any concerns regarding this permit, please contact our office before commencing work on site. Development in the affected area may not proceed until the graves have been removed.

SAHRA wishes you every success with the project.

Sincerely

Mrs Mary Leslie

SAHRA: Manager of the Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit  
For CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER