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Final Decision

In terms of Section 35(4), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Willem Hatting
Nkomati Anthracite(Pty)Ltd

Destruction application for archaeological sites NKM21/3, NKM21/4, NKM21/7, NKM21/10, NKM21/11, NKM21/15, NKM21/16, NKM21/18 and NKM21/24 for the Nkomati Anthracite Mine, Nkomazi Local Municipality, in the Ehlanzeni District Municipality, Mpumalanga Province

Dear Mr. Henk Steyn,

Thank you for your permit application for the destruction of mitigated sites NKM21/3, NKM21/4, NKM21/7, NKM21/10, NKM21/11, NKM21/15, NKM21/16, NKM21/18 and NKM21/24. These sites were permitted to be excavated in terms of permit #3926.

Excavations at sites NKM21/3, NKM21/4, NKM21/7, NKM21/15 and NKM21/16 uncovered cultural material such as decorated ceramics, clay smoking pipes and figurines, metal weaponry and tool fragments, faunal material (including worked bone), numerous glass and ostrich eggshell beads and charcoal for possible radiocarbon dating. Excavations at sites NKM21/10, NKM21/18 and NKM21/24 did not yield much cultural material. Human burials were uncovered in sites NKM21/3, NKM21/4, NKM21/11, NKM21/7 and are requested to be relocated to the Madadeni Cemetery with consent of the affected families.

The sites will be impacted by the authorised development (MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1 89) and are required to be mitigated as per the Final Comment issued on 04/12/2020 on SAHRIS Case ID 14506. SAHRA notes that landowner permission (Appendix A) has been provided and that the University of Pretoria will curate any cultural material uncovered.

The permit is hereby granted.

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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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.