

# Permit application for an exhumation and reburial of a grave, Mapungubwe National Park

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## Letter

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

Attention: Dr Ndukuyakhe Ndlovu

South African National Parks

Manager: Archaeology

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**A grave was discovered in 2020, inside one of the staff compounds at Mapungubwe National Park, and within a few metres of two entrance doors to sleeping quarters. There is nothing on the grave itself that enables one to know who may be buried inside the grave. Following an extensive social consultation process, the identity of the person has not been revealed. Due to the current location of the grave, and to give respect to the individual buried on site, the aim is to have the grave exhumed and reburied a few metres away, just outside the staff compound. No studies on the discovered human bones shall be undertaken.**

Dear Dr. Ndlovu

### **RE: Permit Application for an Exhumation And Reburial of A Grave, Mapungubwe National Park.**

Thank you for your permit application for the exhumation and reburial of human remain discovered near the Ranger's camp in Schorda at the Mapungubwe National Park and World Heritage Site. SAHRA has successfully reviewed your application and approved it. Kindly note your permit is valid until 31 December 2021.

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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## ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/587486>

## 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.