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Letter

In terms of Section 36(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Exxaro Coal Mpumalanga (Pty) Ltd

Exxaro Matla Mine 1 National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 Section 36 Grave Relocation Project

Dear Applicant,

SAHRA BGG has received and reviewed your Grave Exhumation and Relocation Report and therefore wish to place the following on record:

1. SAHRA does not support mass burials. We do recognize that the graves in question fall outside our mandate and that we do not have much control over how they are handled. However, we wish to advise that graves protected in terms of our legislation must always be buried in dignity, according to the wishes of the identified next-of-kin and in line with the principles of heritage resources management.
2. We are pleased with the manner in which the grave protected under section 36(3) of the NHRA was handled.

In light of the above, this case is hereby closed. Should there be any future grievances relating to the mass buried graves, this must be handled by the relevant stakeholders in terms of the Human Tissue Act.

We wish you all the best in future projects.

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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

Thingahangwi Tracy Tshivhase
Heritage Officer: Permitting
South African Heritage Resources Agency

Ngqabutho Madida
Acting Manager: Burial Grounds & Graves Unit
South African Heritage Resources Agency

ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/536886>

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.