

Application for the exhumation and Relocation of three graves to be impacted by the Makhado Colliery

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Letter

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

Attention: Eric Mathoho

Millennium Heritage Group

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MCM Mining obtained environmental and heritage authorizations to extract coal on the farms Daru 889MS and Tanga 648 MS. Known as the Makhado Colliery, this project is situated north of Makhado Town, on the foothills of the Soutpansberg range of mountains along the R525 road which goes to the Nzhelele Dam. Topographically, the site of the Makhado Colliery is characterised by calcrete outcrops, sandstone ridges and floodplains of the Mutamba River. Before exploration by MCM Mining, these farms were previously used for agriculture and cattle keeping before being converted into game farming. As part of the environmental authorization process, a heritage study was performed in 2012 (Roodt 2012) and identified several archaeological sites and three burials in an area where the West Pit of the Makhado Colliery will be located.

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for applying for an Exhumation and Relocation permit from SAHRA. The Burial Grounds and Graves Unit (BGG) has reviewed your application and is pleased to inform you that your application was successful.

Please note the permit conditions for your adherence.

We wish you all the best with your project.

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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Mimi Seetelo
Manager: Burial Grounds & Graves Unit
South African Heritage Resources Agency

ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/531987>

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.