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A progress report prepared for SANParks and VUKA  
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### **INTRODUCTION**

Session 4 of the Rehabilitation Project spanned the month of March 2003. Once again, Archaeological Resources Management was responsible for the actual work, and Mr. S. Gaigher was in charge of logistics for both K2 and Mapungubwe.

### **METHOD**

As before, work concentrated on TS1, the long trench through the central midden. Two teams were stationed at each end of the trench. Both teams proceed in blocks four metres long. As a rule, they clear, document and rehabilitate each one before opening a new block.

The soil from each block is sifted, and where possible, artefacts are recorded in gross levels. Bones are sorted into categories of recognizable parts, for example, legs and skulls, bagged and then moved to the SANParks station house for temporary storage. Diagnostic pottery is also bagged for storage, but undiagnostic pottery remains on site.

### **RESULTS**

The last 14metres were finished, and the entire trench has now been documented. Most of the trench has also been rehabilitated.

The faunal remains have been sorted as well as the pottery. Much of the pottery has also been catalogued.

### **FUTURE WORK**

The original shape of the midden still needs to be reconstructed. This involves the complete removal of Gardner's northwest dump. If this soil is not sufficient, other dumps are available on site, and it will not be necessary to transport soil from elsewhere.

Once the midden has been reconstructed, we will rehabilitate the work areas, such as the wheel burrow tracks and sift piles.

### **PROBLEMS**

Although minor, it is worth noting that the schedule at Mapungubwe affects our work. Because the workers have the same conditions of service, if work stops at Mapungubwe, it also stops at K2. As a result, a few days were lost because overnight rain made it

impossible to sift the looser soil at Mapungubwe. A few days were also lost to heavy rains.

Another minor problem involved the lack of equipment, such as wheel burrows. This slows down the movement of soil from the dump to the sieve.

The biggest problem has been and continues to be the difficulty in getting sandbags. One four-metre block remains only half full because of this problem. We also need sandbags to cover the south end of Block A. This is the area designated for display.

Over all, however, the project has gone as smoothly as could be expected. We thank all involved for their cooperation and support.