

PERMIT FOR RESCUE EXCAVATIONS OF SITE 37 ON PORTION 3 OF FARM OVERVLAKTE 125 MS AND VELE COAL MINE- EAST PIT EXTENSION

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PERMIT: Excavation

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

Permit Holder: Eric Mathoho

Millennium Heritage Group

P O Box 36723, Menlo Park, 0102

347 Charles Street, Brooklyn, Pretoria

Site: SITE 37 ON PORTION 3 OF FARM OVERVLAKTE 125 MS AND VELE COAL MINE- EAST PIT (site 37 Vele Colliery)

For mitigation of the archaeological site 37 located approximately 600m from the Vele Coal Mine East Pit, Musina local municipality of the Vhembe District, Limpopo Province, which is threatened by natural erosion as well as encroaching mining activities and the use of the access road. Site 37 is a Zhizo or Late Iron Age site that bears broken pieces of undiagnostic potsherds, animal bones and one piece of rusted iron. The mitigated material will be accessioned by the University of Venda Anthropology Museum.

Conditions:

1. This permit is issued to Mr Eric Mathoho (Millenium Heritage Group).
2. If the permit holder is not to be present on the site at all times then SAHRA must be provided with the names and qualifications of the authorised representatives.
3. Excavation methods include survey and mapping, stratigraphic excavations using test pits (1x1m) or 10cm spits. Collected artefacts must be recorded prior to sampling and sites must be mapped using a site grid.
4. Adequate recording methods as specified in the Regulations and Guidelines pertaining to the National Heritage Resources Act must be employed. Note that the position of all excavations and objects collected must be marked on a plan of the site.
5. A standard site record form must be lodged with the University of Venda Anthropology Museum.
6. All material collected and excavated, as well as field notes and records, will be curated by the University of Venda Anthropology Museum, who will be responsible for the permanent curation and safekeeping of all



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artefactual material in a condition that allows ongoing research.

7. A final report on the results of the mitigation and analyses must be emailed to apmpermitreports@sahra.org.za on or before 31 December 2023 using the template in the following link: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/content/apmpermitreports>. SAHRA reserves the right to withhold further permits if progress is not deemed satisfactory. Permit reports can be made available to researchers on request within three years of the lapsing of this permit.

8. Reprints of all published papers or copies of theses and/or reports resulting from this work must be lodged with SAHRA.

9. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to obtain permission from the landowner for each visit, and the excavator is responsible for ensuring that he or she has an understanding with the landowner concerning: the number of visitors and workers; conditions for camping on the property; speed limits on access roads; possible prohibitions on off-road driving; size, type and number of vehicles permitted; possible prohibitions on trespassing beyond the site; disturbing fauna, flora or substrate; erection and demolition of structures on the site; appropriate hours of visiting and working on the site; use of firewood, electricity and water; lighting fires and the prevention of uncontrolled fires and any fencing necessary to protect livestock. Conditions of access imposed by the landowner must be observed.

10. The permitted excavator shall be responsible for the activities and impacts of all colleagues, students and employees under his or her supervision.

11. Excavators must take measures to ensure the safety of any person who may enter the excavation site as part of their excavation team or as their visitor.

12. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to protect sites during and after excavation and to ensure that, where appropriate, excavations are filled in or stabilised with adequate materials (e.g. Loffelstein blocks or army bags in geotextile) to the satisfaction of SAHRA and the landowner.

13. SAHRA shall not be liable for any losses, damages or injuries to persons or properties as a result of any activities in connection with this permit.

14. SAHRA reserves the right to cancel this permit by notice to the permit holder.

15. This permit is subject to a general appeal and may be suspended should an appeal against the decisions

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be received by SAHRA within 14 days from the date of the permit. SAHRA may not be held responsible for any costs or losses incurred in the event of the suspension or retraction of this permit.

16. Request to renew permits must be done at least two months prior to the expiry of the existing permit.

This permit is valid from

02/02/2023 to 31/12/2023

Ragna Redelstorff, PhD

Heritage Officer

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Additional Info:

Please note that this permit may be suspended should an appeal against the decisions be received by SAHRA within 14 days from the date of the permit. SAHRA may not be held responsible for any costs or losses incurred in the event of the suspension or retraction of this permit.

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