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PERMIT: Test Excavation

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

Permit Holder: Mr Ilan Smeyatsky
PGS Heritage (Pty) Ltd
906 Bergarend, East Lynne, Pretoria

Site: Eerstelingfontein 406 JT (Eersteling3&4)

PGS Heritage (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Exxaro Coal Mpumalanga (Exxaro NBC Coal) to conduct test excavations within a small, unknown, walled enclosure of approximately 6m x 6m on the farm belonging to Exxaro NBC Coal. The aim of the test excavations will be to ascertain whether or not graves exist in said enclosure. The possible graves are located on remainder of portions 3 & 4 of the farm Eerstelingsfontein 406 JT, Mpumalanga Province. If positive evidence of graves is located, a relocation permit application will follow to exhume and relocate the graves according to the wishes of the next of kin.

Conditions:

1. If the permit holder is not to be present on the site at all times then the heritage authority must be provided with the names and qualifications of the authorised representatives.
2. 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 site.
3. A standard site record form must be lodged on SAHRIS.
4. If human remains are uncovered during test excavations, the activity must stop until SAHRA BGG Unit has issued a relocation permit.
5. Human remains must at all times be handled with respect and graves should not be disturbed except where unavoidable. The consultation procedures as indicated in the Regulations and the National Heritage Resources Act must be observed as appropriate. The recommendations for removal of graves and exhumations and for re-burial stipulated in SAHRA's Policy 'What to do when graves are uncovered', section 3,

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must be observed as far as possible.

6. A permit report is due by 30 April 2019.

7. If a published report has not appeared within three years of the lapsing of this permit, the report required in terms of the permit will be made available to researchers on request.

8. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to obtain permission from the landowner for each visit, and conditions of access imposed by the landowner must be observed.

9. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to fill in excavations and protect sites during and after excavation to the satisfaction of the heritage authority and the landowner.

10. The heritage authority 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.

11. The heritage authority reserves the right to cancel this permit by notice to the permit holder.

This permit is valid from
18/04/2018 to 18/04/2019

Thingahangwi Tracy Tshivhase
Heritage Officer: Permitting
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Manager: Burial Grounds & Graves Unit
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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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