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PERMIT: Remove from its original position

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

Permit Holder: Edward Matenga

Site: Rietfontein Graves (Burial Ground)

Application for Exhumations from 16 graves on the Farm Rietfontein at Muldersdrift, Krugersdorp, Gauteng Province. The graves are located on a pedestal of earth 11m high and 25m in diameter, which was left standing for the graves while a servitude was hardly allowed around them. The pedestal show many signs of instability due to undercutting by erosion and weather at the base. In view of the condition of the burial ground, and considering that Wearne Aggregates plans to continue mining operation at the site, it has become necessary to apply for a permit in terms of Section 36 of the National Heritage Resources Act to exhume the remains and reinter them at the nearest municipal cemetery.

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 authorized 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 site plan.
3. A standard site record form must be lodged on SAHRIS.
4. 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, must be observed as far as possible.
5. A permit report is due by **31 January 2022**. A preliminary report must be submitted within three months from the date this permit is issued.
6. All remains recovered, including relics and artefacts must be buried at a local municipal cemetery.
7. Reprints of all published papers or copies of theses and/or reports resulting from this work must be lodged with the relevant provincial heritage authority and SAHRA.
8. If a published report has not appeared within three years of the lapsing of this permit, the report



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required in terms of the permit will be made available to researchers on request.

9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. The heritage authority reserves the right to cancel this permit by notice to the permit holder.

This permit is valid from
14/01/2021 to 14/01/2022

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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

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incurred in the event of the suspension or retraction of this permit.

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