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PERMIT: Excavation, Analysis

In terms of Section 27(18) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Permit Holder: Dr Timothy Robin Forssman
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Site: Little Muck Shelter (LVSA/LM/2)

For excavations of Little Muck Shelter on the farm Little Muck within the Mapungubwe National Park.

Conditions:

1. This permit is issued to Dr Tim Forssman (Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Anthropology & Archaeology, University of Pretoria) in collaboration with Dr Alexander Antonites (Senior Lecturer, Department of Anthropology & Archaeology, University of Pretoria).
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 activities will include trenching, 6-8 excavation areas of 1m² of the internal area; over 10 excavation areas of 1m² in the outside living area; storage of excavated in bags or more rigid storage devices; collection of flotation 2-10l samples; mapping including profiles; restoration/rehabilitation of original site after excavation.
4. Formal analysis of the excavated material will include radiocarbon dating of charcoal samples, flotation of collected samples, core reduction techniques, morphological analysis and use wear studies, ceramic petrography, XRF analysis and faunal analysis.
5. The permit holder must ensure that the necessary environmental authorisation/exemption has been obtained from the Mapungubwe National Park (SanParks) before commencing work on site.
6. 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



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must be marked on a plan of the site.

7. A standard site record form must be lodged with the Polokwane Museum.

8. All material collected and excavated, as well as field notes and records, will be curated by the Polokwane Museum, who will be responsible for the permanent curation and safekeeping of all artefactual material in a condition that allows ongoing research.

9. Annual progress reports on the results of the excavations and analyses must be submitted to SAHRA permit on or before 30 April 2017 and 2018. A final report is due on or before 30 April 2019. SAHRA reserves the right to withhold further permits if progress is not deemed satisfactory.

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

11. The final permit report can be made available to researchers on request within three years of the lapsing of this permit.

12. 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.

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

14. 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.

15. 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.

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16. 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.

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

18. This permit is subject to a general appeal and 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.

This permit is valid from **18/04/2016 to 30/04/2019**.

Ragna Redelstorff
Heritage Officer
South African Heritage Resources Agency

Phillip Hine
SAHRA Head Archaeologist (Acting)
South African Heritage Resources Agency

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.
