

**PERMIT APPLICATION TO CONDUCT A GROUND-PENETRATING RADAR SURVEY AND TEST EXCAVATIONS AT HARMONY FREE STATE OPERATIONS – FARM NOOITGEDACHT 50**

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**PERMIT: Test Excavation, Use equipment on site**

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

Permit Holder: Mrs Michelle Sachse  
PGS Heritage (Pty) Ltd

**Site:** PERMIT APPLICATION TO CONDUCT A GROUND-PENETRATING RADAR SURVEY AND TEST EXCAVATIONS AT HARMONY FREE STATE OPERATIONS – FARM NOOITGEDACHT 50, WITHIN THE MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, LEJWELEPUTSWA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, NEAR WELKOM, IN THE FREE STATE PRO (731GPR - Nooitgedacht TSF Harmony Mine)

***This permit is issued to Michelle Sachse and Henk Steyn of PGS Heritage to undertake the GPR Survey and test excavations for the historic homestead located on the farm Nooitgedacht 50, within the Matjhabeng Local Municipality, Lejweleputswa District Municipality, near Welkom, in the Free State Province.***

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 must be marked on a plan of site.
3. The proposed method of mitigation outlined on pages 8-9 is approved.
4. As per the methodology provided, the test excavation must be no more than 1m x 1m, and that all test excavation sites must be rehabilitated.
5. If human remains are uncovered during GPR Survey, all activities must stop and SAHRA DAU must be notified. If grave relocation is decided, then a section 36 of the NHRA permit application must be lodged to SAHRA on SAHRIS.
  1. Human remains must always 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

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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.

2. A final report on the results of the GPR survey and test excavation must be submitted to the heritage authority issuing this permit before 05 October 2024, and must be submitted to the case.
6. Reprints of all published papers or copies of theses and/or reports resulting from this work must be lodged with the heritage authority.
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  
**05/10/2023 to 05/09/2024**

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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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**ADMIN:** Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/624291>