

Relocation of 20 graves from the farms Koornfontein and Bankfontein for Goedehoop Colliery

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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: Ms Stephany van der Walt

PGS Heritage and Grave Relocation Consultants

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Site: Goedehoop GH1 - Farm Koornfontein 27 IS (Goedehoop GH1, Goedehoop GH2)

PGS Heritage (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Anglo American Coal South Africa (Goedehoop Colliery) to effect the relocation of twenty (20) graves located in two informal cemeteries located on Portion 0 of the farm Koornfontein 27 IS and Portion 9 of the farm Bankfontein 340 JS, near Middelburg, Mpumalanga Province. The cemeteries are adversely impacted upon by the expansion of coal mining by the Goedehoop Colliery. Of the 20 graves, 18 is unknown, 1 is older than 60 years and 1 is known but unmarked.

The details of the location of these graves are as follow:

- GH1 (GOEDEHOOP CEMETERY 1 – Approximately 15 graves): GPS Coordinates: -26.101293°; 29.432636°-This cemetery contains approximately 15 graves located on Portion 0 of the farm Koornfontein 27 IS, Middelburg, Mpumalanga Province
- GH2 (GOEDEHOOP CEMETERY 2 – Approximately 5 graves): GPS Coordinates: -25.972090° & 29.45541125°-This cemetery contains five graves located on Portion 9 of the farm Bankfontein 340 JS, Middelburg, Mpumalanga 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 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

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collected must be marked on a plan of site.

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 October 2018. A preliminary report must be submitted within three months from the date this permit is issued.
6. All remains recovered, including relics and artefacts, as well as field notes and records, must be kept with the skeletal material and be curated 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 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
16/10/2017 to 16/10/2018

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Heritage Officer: Permitting
South African Heritage Resources Agency

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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.

ADMIN: Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/408106>