

# RELOCATION (WITH TEST EXCAVATIONS) OF 29 GRAVES FROM IVANPLATS PLATREEF MINE, FARM TURFSPRUIT 241 KR NEAR MOKOPANE IN LIMPOPO

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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: Mr Wouter Fourie

PGS Heritage (Pty) Ltd

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**Site:** Ivanplats - Platreef Resources (Ivanplats - Platreef Resources)

PGS Heritage (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Ivanplats (Pty) Ltd. to affect the relocation of twenty-nine (29) graves located on the Farm Turfspruit 241 KR which will be affected by mining activities within the Ivanplats project area. The graves in the current application formed part of the previous grave relocation process in 2017 and 2020 (Phase 1 and Phase 2). During this process, several graves were exhumed and relocated by PGS Heritage with all the required permits as per the Health Act and the Heritage Act. However, not all the graves were relocated as many of the families requested either further investigation after no remains were found during the previous exhumations or the families were unavailable during the previous relocations. The graves are to be moved to existing formal cemeteries or informal traditional areas as selected by the next of kin. PGS Heritage will be assisted on the project by a local registered undertaker, Mankwana Funeral Home (Pty) Ltd.

This permit is allocated for the Test Excavation, exhumation and relocation of 25 graves that are protected in terms of section 36(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999 as consented by the next-of-kin(s). The 4 graves that belong to Ms Raesibe Rosina Mashamaite may only be relocated upon receiving her consent. Exhumation and relocation of graves that fall outside the said prescript must be authorized by the relevant permitting authorities. The following conditions must be adhered to.

### Conditions:

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.

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.

A standard site record form must be lodged on SAHRIS.

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

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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.

A permit report is due by **30 June 2024**. A preliminary report must be submitted within three months from the date this permit is issued.

All remains recovered, including relics and artefacts must be buried at a local municipal cemetery.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

This permit is valid from  
**02/06/2023 to 30/06/2024**

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Thingahangwi Tshivhase  
Heritage Officer: Permitting  
South African Heritage Resources Agency

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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.

**ADMIN:** Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/616614>