

Application Extension for the exhumation and Relocation of three graves to be impacted by the Makhado 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: Millenium Heritage Group (Pty) Ltd

Site: Daru 889 MS & Tanga 648 MS (Makhado Colliery Permit)

Millenium Heritage Group (Pty)Ltd has been appointed by Baobab Mining and Exploration (Pty) Ltd to facilitate the exhumation and relocation of unknown graves that will be impacted by Makhado Colliery Mine (MCM) operations. MCM Mining obtained environment and heritage authorizations to extract coal on the farms Daru 889MS and Tanga 648 MS. The project area is situated north of Makhado Town, on the foothills of the Soutpansberg range of mountains along the R525 road which goes to the Nzhelele Dam. Topographically, the site of the Makhado Colliery is characterised by calcrete outcrops, sandstone ridges and floodplains of the Mutamba River. Before exploration by MCM Mining, these farms were previously used for agriculture and cattle keeping before being converted into game farming. As part of the environmental authorization process, a heritage study was performed in 2012 (Roodt 2012) and identified several archaeological sites and three burials in an area where the West Pit of the Makhado Colliery will be located. This permit is allocated for the exhumation and relocation of **3 unknown graves** that are covered under section 36 of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA) 25 of 1999. The following conditions must be adhered to.

- Conditions:

1. This permit is awarded to Dr Eric Matoho as the permit holder.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. A standard site record form must be lodged on SAHRIS.
5. 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

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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.

6. A final report on the results of the relocation and reburial must be submitted to the case as a Heritage Report file by **31 October 2024**, using the template in the following link: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/content/apmpermitreports>. SAHRA reserves the right to withhold further permits if progress is not deemed satisfactory. No information protected by POPIA must be included in the report. If there is a delay in submitting the report, SAHRA must be informed in writing.
7. **It is the responsibility of the permit holder to inform all consenting family members/or interested and affected parties of the permit being granted within 5 calendar days of receipt of this permit in person with the community liason present.**
It is the responsibility of the permit holder to inform all affected family members, or interested and affected parties that, in terms of NHRA Regulations 21051 April 2000 section 7, they have 14 calendar days to submit an appeal to the SAHRA council if they object to the granting of this permit.
8. All remains recovered, including relics and artefacts must be buried at a local municipal cemetery.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Request to renew permits must be done at least two months prior to the expiry of the existing permit.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. The heritage authority reserves the right to cancel this permit by notice to the permit holder.

This permit is valid from
09/10/2023 to 31/10/2024

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Additional Info:

renewal of the permit to relocate of 3 unknown graves.

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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