Destruction application - Phase 1 N'Komati Anthracite Archaeological sites

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PERMIT: Remove from its original position, Destruction

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

Permit Holder: Mr Henk Steyn PGS Heritage (Pty) Ltd PO Box 32542 Totiusdal 0134

Site: Nkomati Anthracite -NKM/21/3 (NKM/21/3, NKM/21/4, NKM/21/7, NKM/21/10, NKM/21/11, NKM/21/15, NKM/21/16, NKM/21/18, NKM/21/24)

For the excavation and relocation of human remains at sites NKM21/3, NKM21/4, NKM21/11, NKM21/7 and destruction of sites NKM21/3, NKM21/4, NKM21/7, NKM21/10, NKM21/11, NKM21/15, NKM21/16, NKM21/18 and NKM21/24 at the Nkomati Mine, Mpumalanga Province. This site will be impacted by the authorised construction of the mine. The mitigated material will be accessioned and curated by the University of Pretoria. The human remains will be relocated to the Madadeni Cemetery with consent of the affected families.

Conditions:

1. This permit is issued to Mr. Henk Steyn and Wouter Fourie (PGS Heritage).

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. Methodology noted in section 10.2 of the Interim Permit report must be used.

4. 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 plan of the site.

5. A standard site record form must be lodged with the University of Pretoria.

6. All material collected and excavated, as well as field notes and records, will be curated by the University of Pretoria, with the exception of the human remains, who will be responsible for the permanent curation and safekeeping of all artefactual material in a condition that allows ongoing research. Mitigated material, field



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notes and records must be lodged with the University of Pretoria within one year of the completion of the mitigation work.

7. A final report on the results of the destruction, monitoring and any further analysis of uncovered heritage resources must be uploaded to the permit application on or before 31/10/2024 using the template in the following link: <u>https://sahris.sahra.org.za/content/apmpermitreports</u>. SAHRA reserves the right to withhold further permits if progress is not deemed satisfactory. Permit reports can be made available to researchers on request within three years of the lapsing of this permit.

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

9. 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.

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

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

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

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15. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to inform all consenting family members of the appeals procedures within 5 calendar days of receipt of this permit by appropriate means, and through the community liaison if necessary.

16. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to inform all consenting family members 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.

17. Request to renew permits must be done at least two months prior to the expiry of the existing permit.

This permit is valid from 24/10/2023 to 24/10/2024

Natasha Higgitt Manager: Development Applications Unit 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.

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