

Relocation and re-internment of an unknown burial at Ga-Mogashoa Sekhukhune

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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: Edward Matenga

Site: Ga-Mogashoa Burial (Ga-Mogashoa Archaeological Burial)

This is an application in terms of Section 36 of the NHRA for the relocation of human remains which were accidentally exposed during trenching for water reticulation at Ga-Mogashoa Village near Schoonord, Sekhukhune District Municipality, Limpopo. During a site visit on Friday 16 October 2020, the Environmental Officer and Heritage Specialist met with the Site Project Manager before proceeding to Chief Ga-Mogashoa's residence for consultation. The Chief was approached through his secretary, and the procedure explained to him concerning unidentified human remains in terms of Section 36 of NHRA and Regulations (gazetted in 2000). Chief Ga-Mogashoa expressed concern about the requirement that remains of unidentified persons accidentally found during excavations must be re-interred in a formal cemetery outside the village. He wanted the remains to be reinterred in the same village. Subsequently at a meeting of the Traditional Council it was agreed that the remains will be buried at the Ga-Mogashoa-Monamane Cemetery c. 600m northwest of the graves site (Lat: 24°48'00.6"S Long: 29°59'18.0"E). The following conditions must be adhered to:

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 collected must be marked on a site plan.
3. A standard site record form must be lodged on SAHRIS.



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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 July 2023**. A preliminary report must be submitted within three months from the date this permit is issued.
6. All remains recovered, including relics and artefacts must be buried 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.

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This permit is valid from
26/07/2022 to 26/07/2023

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Heritage Officer: Permitting
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Acting Manager: Burial Grounds & Graves Unit
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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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