

Test Excavation and GPR Survey identification and verification of possible burial ground

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PERMIT: Pre-disturbance survey, Test Excavation

In terms of Section 36(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Permit Holder: Ms Mmantshebi Matabane
REACH ARCHAEOLOGY
767 Norman Eaton Avenue
Philip Nel Park
Pretoria

Site: Granite Graves (Moloi Granite Graves)

Reach Archaeology Consulting Ltd has been appointed by Mizmor23 Granite Pty Ltd (Rustenburg Quarry) to conduct a Ground-Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey and supporting Test Excavations to identify the correct location of the possible burial ground. The possible graves are located on an existing granite quarry on the remainder of portion 5 of the farm Schaapkraal 292JQ, District of Rustenburg, North-West Province, South Africa. The Test excavation is said to have been requested by SAHRA HPU following a contravention that was issued on 20 June 2022.

The Burial Grounds and Graves Unit (BGG) of SAHRA has no objection to the proposed activities and therefore issues this permit in terms of section 36(3) of the NHRA legislation. The following conditions must be adhered to:

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 authorised 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. If human remains are uncovered during test excavations, all activities must stop until SAHRA BGG Unit has issued a relocation permit.
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 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 permit report is due by **04 October 2023**.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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
04/10/2022 to 04/10/2023

Thingahangwi Tracy Tshivhase
Heritage Officer: Permitting
South African Heritage Resources Agency

Ngqabutho Madida
Acting Manager: Burial Grounds & Graves 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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