

Relocation of 35 graves from the farm Bosmansspruit 459 IS for Optimum Kwaggafontein North Operations

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PERMIT:

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

Permit Holder: Mr Wouter Fourie

PGS Heritage and Grave Relocation Consultants

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Site: Optimum Coal - Kwaggafontein North Project (Kwaggafontein North Project)

PGS Heritage (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Optimum Coal to affect the relocation of 35 graves on the Optimum Colliery Kwaggafontein North Operations that will be affected by the expansion of coal mining operations. The graves that are affected are located on Portion 8 of the farm Bosmansspruit 459 IS, close to Hendrina, Mpumalanga Province. Martins Funerals (Emalahleni) will be responsible for the handling and reburial of the exhumed human remains. Of the 35 graves, the next-of-kin does not know the date of death of the deceased of 17 graves and 1 have been unclaimed and therefore assumed to be older than 60 years old as stipulated in the Heritage Act.

This permit is issued for the exhumation of **18 graves** (17 unmarked and 1 unclaimed). The relocation permit for the 17 graves that are younger than 60 years must be obtained from the Local Municipality and the Mpumalanga Department of Health.

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 plan of site.
3. A standard site record form must be lodged on SAHRIS.
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.

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5. A permit report is due by 30 September 2018.
6. All remains recovered, including relics and artefacts, as well as field notes and records, must be kept with the skeletal material and be curated 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.

This permit is valid from
08/09/2017 to 08/09/2018

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Heritage Officer: Permitting
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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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