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## PERMIT: Test Excavation

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

Permit Holder: Dr Edward Matenga

Archaeological and Heritage Services Africa (Pty) Ltd

8843 Odessa Cres

Cosmo City Ext 7

Northriding

Site: TRP Mine 2588 Suspected Graves (Two Rivers Platinum Mine)

Johannesburg

Dr Matenga has been appointed to conduct test excavation for investigations of a possible burials represented by seven (7) cairn markers. The cairns are located within the footprint of the proposed development of a platinum ore processing plant. The families have given permission for the Test excavation activities. The scope of investigations extends to a third site 600 m to the southwest located on the foot of hills that form a western fringe of the mining area, where settings of stones may possibly be burial markings. They are located close to a protected burial ground. SAHRA has no objection to the proposed Test excavation, this permit is allocated in terms of section 36(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act(NHRA). Permit 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 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 **31 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.

# Two River Platinum Mine Investigation of possible graves

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This permit is valid from  
**24/10/2022 to 24/10/2023**

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

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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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**ADMIN:** Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/602283>