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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: Mr Munyadziwa Magoma
Vhubvo Archaeo-Heritage Consultants
P.O. Box 696
Sibasa
0970 Makwarela

Site: Four Graves at Westoe Dam (Westoe Dam Graves)

Vhubvo Heritage Consultants have been appointed to conduct exhumation for the Magagula graves. The family made a request to the Department of Water and Sanitation to assist them in regard to the relocation of their family graves. The graves were buried by the family in the 1940/50s before the area was demarcated for Westoe dam. Unfortunately, when the dam was proposed in the late 1960s, the family were not given enough time to relocate their graves. They were given days from which they had to relocate all their belongings and soon the area was part of that which is demarcated for the dam, and subsequently filled with water. Since the 1990s, they had been requesting for the government to assist them. Best Funeral Home has been appointed to conduct exhumation.

This permit is allocated for the exhumation and relocation of 4 graves in terms of section 36(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999 as consented by the next-of-kin (s). Exhumation and relocation of graves that fall outside the said prescript must be authorized by the relevant permitting authorities. 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.



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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.
5. A permit report is due by **31 October 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

Relocation of Four Graves at Westoe Dam

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as a result of any activities in connection with this permit.

This permit is valid from
19/10/2022 to 19/10/2023

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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