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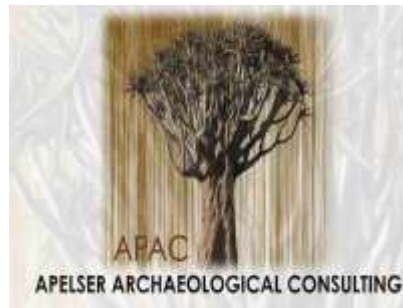
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To: **Whom it May Concern**

**M&T Development (Pty) Ltd
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RE: PROGRESS REPORT ON GRAVES TO BE EXHUMED AND RELOCATED FROM PORTION 198 & A PART OF THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 335 OF DOORKLOOF 391JR (IRENE EXTENSION 70 PHASE 4) – SITE CLEANING, GRAVE IDENTIFICATION & NUMBERING AND SOCIAL CONSULTATION PROCESS

APAC & AVBOB Funerals Johannesburg was requested by Nali Sustainability Solutions on behalf of M&T Development, to undertake the assessment of an informal cemetery site located on the above development area. The establishment & development of a Township is being planned for the site and will impact on the graves situated here. The assessment aimed at determining the number of graves located here in order to prepare a costing for the exhumation & relocation of said graves.

An initial site visit was undertaken on the 31st of October 2017 together with AVBOB. The grave site is situated in a grove of trees, with a small number located just outside. Although most of the graves are stone-packed only, there are some with more formal headstones and legible inscriptions. The oldest identifiable date of death was 1922, while the most recent one is 1979. The grave site seems therefore to date from the early 1900's to the late 1970's. The following family names were identified at the time:

1. Ndase
2. Manyakanyaka
3. Mdluli
4. Letwaba/Leotaba
5. Kosana
6. Nkhuna

Some inscriptions were not legible.

A total of approximately **400** graves were counted in 2017. In July 2019 APAC and AVBOB was again approached to provide a Final Cost Estimate for these graves (with the development now called the 5'O

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Clock Site). Subsequently, in July 2019. M&T appointed APAC cc in conjunction with AVBOB Johannesburg to undertake and complete the investigation, exhumation and relocation process for these graves.

The cleaning of the site (removal of small trees, bushes, weeds, etc.) and the final recording, numbering and counting of the graves commenced in August 2019, while the erection of Site Notices was also done on the 6th of August 2018. A total of 365 clearly marked & identifiable graves, as well as possible graves (in gaps between clear graves in the different rows) were possible to be documented. There might some more unmarked graves on site as well, but it is unlikely that the total number of graves will exceed the originally estimated amount.

Although most of the graves are only stone-packed without any headstones and inscriptions, there are a number of graves with formal headstones with legible inscriptions. This will assist in the possible identification of descendants during the social consultation process, although most of the graves are very old (in terms of date of death) and the likelihood of family/descendants still living is fairly slim. Also, the age of the graves also means that possible descendants have moved away or have been moved away from the close geographical area many years ago. The dates of death identified varies between 1912 (the oldest) to 1973 (the most recent). The following individuals (with dates of death indicated) were identified on site:

1. Piet Letoaba. 1960
2. Sarah Mdluli. 1943
3. Lenga James Kosana. 1959
4. JM Letoaba 1973
5. Luodidi Manyakanyaka. 1959 (erected by his nephew CM Seanego 448 BB Soshanguve)
6. Kate Ndase. 1941
7. Thomas Selamolela. 1954
8. Maria Ndase. 1959
9. Simon More. 1949
10. Elliot Malemela. 1949
11. Ms. Tora Letoaba. 1927
12. Ms. Molebohn Letoaba. 1939
13. Mrs. Toroteea Letoaba. 1942
14. Ms. Johana Molopan. 1932 (infant)
15. Walter F. Short. Government Land Surveyor.
16. U.N.J. Nkuna. 1922
17. Lilibete Nkosi. 1912
18. Mr. Sakaria Semanko. 1917

19. Maxafale. No date

It is clear from this that the grave site and the graves on it date to between the early 1900's and mid 1970's. Also, a large percentage (in excess of 60%), are those of infants and young children.



Fig.1: General location of study area in red polygon (Google Earth 2017).



Fig.2: Closer view of area and two sections of the site with graves (Google Earth 2017).



Fig.3: A section of the site after bush clearance.



**Fig.4: Another section with graves clearly visible, as well as Grave Numbers.
The graves have each been given a number starting with IR (for Irene).**



Fig.5: Another section of the site with grave numbering in progress.



Fig.6: A general view of the Irene X70 Grave Site.

Photos of all the graves, as well as the graves with formal headstones and legible inscriptions were also taken. These will be provided at a later stage. Site Notices were also erected at prominent places on the site, as well as at entrances and roads to and close to the site. Newspaper Advertisements will also be placed in due course soon as part of the required social consultation process before permit applications can be made. Proof of these advertisements will also be provided once they have been placed.



Fig.7: A view of one of the erected on-site Notices.



**EXHUMATION AND RELOCATION OF GRAVES FROM:
Portion 198 & A part of the remainder of Portion 335 of Doornkloof
381JR (Irene Extension 70 Phase 4).**

Aubor is hereby given (Aubor (Funeral Services) Ltd. intends to exhume and relocate graves from above mentioned area. This is in accordance with section 36 of The National Heritage Act (Act 22 of 1999) and Section 22 of the Sites and Monuments Ordinance of 1925 (Ordinance T of 1925). It is the intention to relocate the graves to a Municipal Cemetery of the Town of Local Municipality.

- Information of graves:
- a. Number of graves: Approximately 200 graves
 - b. Types of marked graves:
 - None
 - Interdenominational
 - Islamic
 - Latvian/Russian
 - Spanish
 - Others

Any person wishing to object to proposed exhumation and re- interments or wishes to advise any restrictions, must do so in writing within 21 days of the date of transmission of this notice, to:

**THE CHIEF DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS
PRIVATE BAG 286,
Mamelodi 2007**

Tel: 011 325 5270/5656/5031 or 079 526 0733 (Jacqueline Obondo)

or
**AUBOR (FUNERAL SERVICES) LTD,
PO BOX 1881,
PRETORIA 0001.
011 482 2027 or 081 302 7386 – NANTIE CROUCAMP**

Or
**Ms. Ntini Sontela or Avelin Mabeha
SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves Unit
Tel: 012 310 4890 or 012 330 4980/9**

Or
**Anten Peizer (Archaeologist) – 085 549 8091
06-06-2019.**

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Fig.8: Close-up of Site Notice.



Fig.9: Site Notices erected at an entrance to the site close to the railway line.



Fig.10: Site Notice erected close to the M&T Notice Board at an entry road to the site.



Fig.11: Site Notice at a Bus Stop close to the area.

Should there be any questions or comments on the contents of this document please contact the author as soon as possible.

Kind regards

Anton Pelsler

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anton Pelsler', written in a cursive style.