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Dear Christine

The Elders and chiefs of the Kwa-Lugedlane community (successful land claimants) arrived at the Mjejane Game Reserve on Wed 18th June 2019 to inspect the site at Erf 1 stands 42 & 43 for the purpose of verification of the grave site and confirmation of community members' graves.

A thorough inspection of the site was done, where after a meeting was held at the Mjejane River Lodge to discuss their findings. I was requested to attend the declaration of their verdict.

The findings of the group were twofold namely that

- They believe the mounds may be graves of unknown persons but not of their community and
- They do not feel comfortable with providing permission to the applicants of the request to relocate the graves or to perform exhumation inspections to verify the existence of graves, as the family members or communities to whom these graves may belong (presuming these are graves), could resent the Kwa-Lugedlane people for giving such permission.



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As a result, the management of Mjejane Game Reserve believes that, as the required legal process to obtain permission for determination of the possible existence of graves through exhumation tests was followed and also the legal process to obtain permission for relocation of the possible remains of unknown deceased was followed, that permission should now be granted by SAHRA or other body as required by law.

Should this permission not be forthcoming, relief will be sought through litigation as these 'graves' exist on private property and through this, the owner is being prevented from developing his property. A large investment has been made in the acquisition of the property and although the owner respects the rights of a community to preserve their heritage, to date no such community has claimed this site to be graves of their relatives. Should there be any doubt as to the existence of human remains, permission must be forthcoming to allow for the exhumation test.

I trust we will find a resolution to this protracted saga and allow development to proceed unhindered.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ernest van der Merwe'.

Ernest van der Merwe

General Manager Mjejane Game Reserve Homeowners Association