
STATEMENT

I, the undersigned,

JOSEPH BONGANI KHUMALO (ID 7010115416085)

do hereby state –

- 1 I am an adult male, currently and resident at Bela - Bela, Limpopo Province.
- 2 The facts contained herein, save where the contrary appears, are within my own personal knowledge and to the best of my belief both true and correct.

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

- 3 I am a bishop in a Christian Church, as well as a traditional healer.

INSIGHT AND UNDERSTANDING OF MADIMATLE MOUNTAIN:

- 4 The significance of Madimatle mountain ("Madimatle") is linked directly to how people feel about themselves. If Madimatle is destroyed, this will erode the possibility of enabling people to rebuild their lives in challenging circumstances, in which they may be required to do so. Many people believe that Madimatle is their salvation. I have personally known many people who were led astray in the course of their lives and subsequently, visited Madimatle in order to find peace and spiritual connection.
- 5 Madimatle has been used for many generations for purposes of ancestral worship. Historically, the significance of Madimatle is traced back to the history of conquest and loss as many people have died on mountains such as Madimatle, near rivers and other natural landscapes. The spirits of the deceased remain at the place of the deceased's death and become a source of power to the deceased's ascendants. Madimatle houses the spirits of the ancestors that died during a war whilst hiding on Madimatle and the Gatkop caves ("the caves").

- 6 The main spirits linked with traditional healing, usually come in the form of certain landscapes i.e. a spirit whose power is linked to a river or certain natural landscape. Traditional healers have a connection with the power of a mountain, which emanates from the spirit of the mountain.
- 7 Whenever there is an event of national significance, by way of example, the national elections that occurred this year. Many people, including Sangoma's and other traditional healers will undertake a journey to Madimatle for purposes of praying that these events are peaceful and in the best interests of the nation.

KNOWLEDGE ABOUT AQUILA AND ITS MINING ACTIVITIES

- 8 I have heard about a mine that intends to extract iron ore from Madimatle from other traditional healers and sangoma's. These healers have themselves, only recently come to gain this knowledge about the mine's intended activities through the ex – gate keeper of Madimatle, namely, Mr Thomas Mothloki.

LINK BETWEEN MADIMATLE AND THE CAVES

- 9 In order to gain access to the section of Madimatle where the spirits are housed, one must walk underground in the caves, which lead you directly to the centre of mountain. The caves are the doorway or the gateway to the sanctity of the mountain.

CONCLUSION

- 10 I have a zero tolerance attitude towards the mine. I will never support any mining activities on Madimate as I am not prepared to destroy our ancestral sprits under any circumstances.

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STATEMENT

I, the undersigned,

JR.NDLOVU (ID6406106006086)

do hereby state –

- 1 I am an adult male, currently and resident at Unit 5 Themba, Hammanskraal, North - West Province.
- 2 The facts contained herein, save where the contrary appears, are within my own personal knowledge and to the best of my belief both true and correct.

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

- 3 I am a traditional healer and a member of an Apostolic Church. I have been a traditional healer since 1979.

INSIGHT AND UNDERSTANDING OF MADIMATLE MOUNTAIN:

- 4 I came to learn about Madimatle mountain and the Gatkop caves (collectively referred to as "the mountain and the caves") as a child, when I was taken there for purposes of healing, as I could not eat and was dramatically losing weight and had low energy. After visiting Madimatle and the caves, I was healed and suddenly gained back my appetite.
- 5 In 1980, I was reminded of Madimatle and the caves, through a dream sent to me by the ancestors. I was guided by the ancestors to bring patients to Madimatle and the caves in order to be healed and/or find peace in their daily lives. Since then, I have been sending many patients of mine to Madimatle. Patients that are commonly sent to Madimatle and the caves, are patients with problems such as –

5.1 fertility issues;

5.2 various diseases, and

5.3 bad luck.

6 Madimatle is significant as it houses the spirits of the ancestors that died during a war whilst hiding on Madimatle and in the caves. These spirits have powerful healing powers which must be used for the greater benefit of all people seeking to be healed.

7 Furthermore, I have helped many patients who could not locate their ancestral spirits, find their ancestors at Madimatle and the caves.

PROCESS OF ELECTION OF PATIENTS THAT ARE TO BE SENT TO MADIMATLE AND THE CAVES

8 I do not randomly send patients to Madimatle and the caves. A sign from the Holy Spirit or from the ancestors is required, which directs me to send a particular patient to Madimatle and the caves.

PERSONAL EXPERIENCES AT MADIMATLE AND THE CAVES

9 I often undertake pilgrimage to Madimatle and the caves. Upon arrival at Madimatle and the caves, I sleep and fast for a duration of seven days. This is essential to my practice as a traditional healer as it assists me in communicating with the ancestral spirits in dire matters which require guidance and assistance from the ancestral spirits.

10 I have eight children, all of whom are currently adults. I believe that my children are all successful and have prospered in life due to the fact that they were taken to Madimatle and the caves often during their childhood.

THE EFFECT OF THE MINE ON MADIMATLE AND THE CAVES

11 I have heard from Baba Khumalo, a Sangoma who is a former student of mine, that an Australian listed mine intends extracting iron ore from Madimatle. This will disturb and anger the spirits. In order to respect the spirits at Madimatle and the caves, there cannot be any noise, disturbance or digging. An atmosphere of peace

and tranquillity is required at all times, in order to enable Sangoma's and other traditional healers to communicate with ancestors that are housed within Madimatle.

CONCLUSION

- 12 Since entry to Madimatle and the caves have been restricted by the mine, I have been unable to conduct my fast and meditation. Currently, my biggest fear is that future generations will suffer if they are not able to access Madimatle and the caves due to the fact that one needs to be physically present at Madimatle and the caves in order to access the power of the spirits. I confirm that there is no alternative place of worship that bears the same significance as Madimatle and the caves.

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