

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Mariam phege

Date of Birth: 1960 March 03

Age: 54

Female/Male: F

Race: African

Type of spiritual training: Tradition.

Preferred Language/First Language: Tswana

Physical address: ~~At~~ phatSima

How long have you lived in this area? 20 years

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? Medicine practitioner

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes, the people have moved

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? once

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? for traditional reasons go phatle

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Go phatle

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Gabela moved  
no one to take us.

**Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why?** Yes, at times

**How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain?**

**Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Not only healers, prophets as well from all backgrounds

**Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Some of the healer do go but not from my clan side

**Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients?** Yes, some elements that I can not mention

**Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

It is an ancestral place and should be respected

**Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?**

Traditional healers organisation

**Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both?** Not anymore

**Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?** "go KOPU # for spiritual reason, speak to the ancestors, seedimo"

**How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

**Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers?** Yes, special healing powers created by the ancestors

**Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?** Yes, during the easter time and when people are sick

**When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?**

#I will wish to go sometime during the year

**Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?**

Yes,

**How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?**

= They should not close it because it is the ancestors sacred place.

**Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

\* This is the only place we usually visit and should not be close for traditional purposes

**Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** yes

It should be quite at all times

**What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices**

\* and religion? It will have a tremendous effect on traditional rituals.

**Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?** no

**How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?** we don't want the mining to take place

**Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?**

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: BAFEDILE MOTAMUNG

Date of Birth: 25 JANUARY 1978

Age: 36

Female/Male: FEMALE

Race: AFRICAN

Type of spiritual training: SANGOMA

Preferred Language/First Language: SEISWANA

Physical address: LETCHARENG

How long have you lived in this area? 26yrs

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? Medicine Practice

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? To talk to my ancestors

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Pray

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Twice

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? Yes because improve them spiritually

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? Once or twice a month

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? YES

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Traditional healer organization

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? Both

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? Because their is the power

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? three yrs back

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? YES

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? YES

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? Last three yrs back

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? YES

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

Is hurt me because madimatle have a power in spiritual  
Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No, not in nearest us

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? Spiritual water and other traditional medicine

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? No

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? We don't want to be closed because is the place where we communicate with ancestors

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? For now not sure

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: JOHANNES Cidean MOKQADI

Date of Birth: 1963/28/91

Age: 50

Female/Male:

Race:

Type of spiritual training: Traditional healers.

Preferred Language/First Language: TSWANA

Physical address: P.O. - SAULSPOORT / 0318 /

How long have you lived in this area? Fifty years

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? YES

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? To pray there -

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Talk with Ancestors

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? every year.

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *To ask for the happiness and ask for luck.*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *ALL most 6 times in the year.*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *YES.*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *YES.*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *YES.*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *IS the place where people use to visit it.*

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? *S. E John*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *YES.*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? *BECAUSE MOST OF OUR PEOPLE DO NOT ABOUT IT.*

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Last year.*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *YES.*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *yes*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *Last year.*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *NO*



How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine? *Bad*

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *no*

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes*

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? *protect and teach people about culture*

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? *no*

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? *Bad*

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? *yes*

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Elizabeth Motay / Naomi Sejan e

Date of Birth: 1972/02/05

Age: 41

Female/Male: Female

Race: African

Type of spiritual training: Sangoma

Preferred Language/First Language: Tswana

Physical address: Leg. Kerkensboomse Heuwel

How long have you lived in this area? 20 yrs

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? Yes

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Not yet went there.

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes, I know people

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes, to seek stones water used for healing purposes

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

I go there to communicate with the ancestors.

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Often go there to ask to the gods  
- When I'm spiritual hungry and need fulfillment

**Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why?** Yes, for ritual purposes, healing reasons and prayer,

**How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain?** It depends because some patients might go there and others don't.

**Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Yes, different sangomas gather there from various clans, Zulus, Xhosas even the prophets.

**Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Yes

**Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients?** Yes, these are the materials/herbs that take us to the mountain

**Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**  
Traditional Healers organisation gods reside there and the place should be obeyed

**Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?**  
T.H.O.

**Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both?** we go with sangomas, & prophets.

**Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?**  
we live with that place, we can't live without it when a patient is sick they can be healed.

**How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Have not visited the place because it is closed.

**Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers?** People get healed, sangoma go there for ritual purpose.

**Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?**  
yes, but now it is close and we can't go.

**When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?**  
we can't visit it.

**Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?**  
Yes, which prevents entry for us.

**How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?**

It upsets us.

**Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** There's no other place, this one is very important

**Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** No noise allowed during rituals and it should be silence.

**What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?** The mining will destroy our cultural practices there would be no other place for Sengomas

**Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?** The last time we were refused entry.

**How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?** We need so much from the mountain, it hurts us and upsets us.

**Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?** People get healed when they visit the mountain; the gods can perform healing. Therefore these has hindered us and patients.

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Pauline Maomi

Date of Birth: 1964 August 22

Age: 50

Female/Male: Female

Race: African

Type of spiritual training: Sangoma

Preferred Language/First Language: Zulu

Physical address: 4594, Imologang Street, Lethabong

How long have you lived in this area? 20 years

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? Full time

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes,

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes,

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes, at times when things don't go well.

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes, go phatla, to talk with communicate gods

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? We go to a quiet place to speak with the gods.

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

- No days or limitation, when a person is sick, when a person's ancestor needs to communicate with them

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *When a persons need to communicate with the gods, not weak or sick.*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *not at all*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes, prophets and Sangomas do visit the site.*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes, we stay longer or overnight and it depends.*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *Yes, the mountain provides us with element/ material for healing purposes.*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*T.H.O. Yes, we go go phahla, communication with gods*

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?

*T.H.O.*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *go together with other healers.*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?

- go phahla purpose*
- Ancestral communication*

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *It's been a very long time*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *Yes;*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *Yes;*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *A few weeks back.*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *Yes,*

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

I'm upset about the situation.

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No other mountain.

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

The communication. Place should be quite at all times. It will have an effect on a

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? The practices will stop as we won't have a place for communication.

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? Not recently.

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? very upset about the closing.

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? We don't have any other place for ritual practices.

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Norman Mathibi

Date of Birth: —

Age: 50

Female/Male: male

Race: Africa

Type of spiritual training: Sengoma

Preferred Language/First Language: Tswana

Physical address: Hartebes; Lethabong

How long have you lived in this area? 4 years.

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? Sengoma

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes;

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes;

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes, go Phahla.

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

We receive powers  
God and the gods reside there.

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

- When things don't go well, we ask for directions  
→ We communicate with the gods

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

- There's time to go there to the mountain.



**Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why?** I go to the mountain, because I understand the rituals. We don't take patients there but come with medicine.  
**How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain?** Whenever, I have a patient I go to get powers and ask for them to the gods.

**Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Yes, different healers from other places.

**Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Yes, overnights and return. But it depends because sometimes it takes days.

**Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients?** Yes; this is the very important mountain to receive the plants, water, for healing.

**Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** The elders continued to go there. This is where the gods reside. It's our origins.

**Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?**

Sangoma and Apostolic Church

**Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both?** We go as traditional healers and prophets from church. Power.

**Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?**

It's very important, when you go there you feel the strength etc.

**How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** During good Friday, we go there, our elders also went there.

**Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers?** It does have magical powers, if you have a headache and you go there, you will be healed by the mountain.

**Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?**

Yes go Phahla and for Prayers.

**When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?**

After Good Friday, mathwasara go to meet with the gods

**Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?**

I've just heard about it today.

**How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?**  
- We haven't heard or known about the issue.

**Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** No other mountains.

**Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

There is a voice then communication with us, hence this noise will be a destruction.

**What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?** It upsets us and will affect our practices

**Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?** No

**How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?** It upset and hurts us.

**Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?** Yes, we don't feel good about the invention.

## Questionnaire

**Name and Surname:** Maria Mpshe

**Date of Birth:** 1940 June 02

**Age:** 73

**Female/Male:** Female

**Race:** Africa

**Type of spiritual training:** Sangoma

**Preferred Language/First Language:** Tswana

**Physical address:** Lethabong, Harterbees.

**How long have you lived in this area?** 30+

**Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do?** Sangoma

**Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Yes,

**Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Yes,

**Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Some mountain to go there to speak with the gods.

**Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

To go receive power given by gods

**What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

Go go phatla, & perform rituals.

**How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

I often go to the mountain.

**Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why?** No; we receive powers to heal. But a patient cannot go there.

**How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain?** we receive healing powers & communicate with gods for assistance.

**Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** we only meet us traditional healers and go. I don't know of any clans.

**Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** we go and pray, day & night, communicate with the gods.

**Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients?** we dig them out, as shown by the gods.

**Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Th. O. very important for our dreams, powers, rituals.

**Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?** Spirituality (Prophets) and Sangoma.

**Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both?** yes, it's possible to go by groups or alone.

**Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?** Because prophesy, powers, gods show us the signs.

**How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** I usually go for prayers ~~twice~~ twice a week.

**Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers?** Yes, the gods show us and tell us what is required.

**Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?** yes

**When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?**

It's been a while.

**Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?**

It makes me feel sad

**How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?**

They won't have killed us! because we cannot live without the place. It's where the gods reside.

**Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Yes; Lethabong Hartebees.

**Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

- The mountain should be kept quiet, only natural animals can make sounds.

**What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?** It's disappointing, we live by the strength of the mountain. Where will our practices take place?

**Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?** NO.

**How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? Will prophets and sangoma's exist? They should leave the place as it is.**

**Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?** NO.

## Questionnaire

**Name and Surname:** Jaremia Kalakgosi

**Date of Birth:** 12 June 1989

**Age:** 25

**Female/Male:** male

**Race:** Black

**Preferred Language/First Language:** English / Tswana

**Physical address:** No 667, Sogakwaneng 0355

**How long have you lived in this area?** 20 years

**Are you currently employed?** Yes

**Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** NO

**Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** NO

**What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** I havent visited the place.

**How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

**Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?** I donot know.

**How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

**Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers?**

**Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?**

**When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?**

**Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?**

**How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?**

**Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

**Which church group or other religious group do you belong to?**

**Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both?**

**Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?**

**How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?**

**Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?**

## Questionnaire

**Name and Surname:** Elizabeth Dikgole

**Date of Birth:** 1940-12-02

**Age:** 74

**Female/Male:** Female

**Race:** Black

**Type of spiritual training:** Traditional healer and prophet

**Preferred Language/First Language:** Setswana

**Physical address:** House no 161, Segakwana

**How long have you lived in this area?** 26 years

**Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do?** yes

**Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** no but a Ramadama

**Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** no

**Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** no

**Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** n/a

**What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** n/a

**How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** n/a



Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *yes*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *When the need arises*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *no*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *yes*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Mandau*

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? *Jerico*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *both*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? *yes, because that's where my ancestors send me*

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *5 years*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *yes*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *yes when the need arise and when the ancestors instruct me to do so*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *2013-12*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *no*

**How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?**

It doesn't feel well at all because I know its a spiritual place

**Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** N/A

**Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** yes

**What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?** our cultural practices will be disturbed

**Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?** no

**How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?** our ancestors / spirits will be disturbed

**Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?** N/A

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: William Masokwine

Date of Birth: 1952/10/6

Age: 61 years

Female/Male: Male

Race: African

Type of spiritual training: Nyanga

Preferred Language/First Language: Tswana

Physical address: Segakwana

How long have you lived in this area? 25 years

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? Full time

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? ~~no~~ No, but I know of the place and I will go there to make molceti. I \*  
maket

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I know of many people /Nyanga's that visit Madimatle for strength

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes. - you do not have to go physically - can go with spirits

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Madimo has given me instruction to go there and go there for healing - good life

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Pray, babaco's pahla

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? two times

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *yes, because Madimo bella me to bring patients for healing*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *Too many times to count*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes, many people from many clans and religious groups - Apostolic Church.*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes - the spirit will tell us when to sleep over and when not to*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *Yes. we use the good plants to make very good muti.*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Tswana. Spirits tell us about Madimatle - this is a gift from good. I get a dream which told me about Madimatle.*

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? *Yes and belong to Nyanga. Power of God Apostolic Church.*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *Both*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? *Yes because we pray there, find special muti there & good spirits can be found there*

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *I have been by myself - my ancestors knew of this place but didn't visit - distance*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *Yes*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *Yes - out of respect to ancestors*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *Last month*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *No*

**How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?**

I feel bad. It is wrong they must ask us people first before closing Madimatle

**Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

No

**Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

yes

**What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?**

- very bad effects - I will not be able to practice or take medicines to be healed there

**Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?**

NO

**How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?**

It is wrong - no mine should be built on Madimatle - this will kill my culture

**Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?**

Draughts - all life sources will be drained. Mountain is the source of life.

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Katherine Ralcoma

Date of Birth: 1960/01/25

Age: 54

Female/Male: female

Race: African

Type of spiritual training: Nyanga

Preferred Language/First Language: Tswana

Physical address: Leromō, Paula Park Section.

How long have you lived in this area? 23 years.

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? Yes

Have you ever had imigidi, or <sup>mokoti</sup> inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Many times

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Pray, speak to ancestors

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? knock with stones @ door, listened to noise of stone - allows us to enter or not.

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Every year

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? Yes, when ancestors tell us so

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? Depends on ancestors

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes - we stay as long as we are allowed to by the ancestors

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? Yes - we also use the water in madimatle for medicine

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Tswana Yes.

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? Yes, Power of God Apostolic Church

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? Both.

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? Very important our ancestors are there, they heal us if we are sick

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Many years

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? Yes

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? Yes

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? Last year winter - when we go in winter we don't need ancestors permission

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? No

**How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?**

Scared. Frightened because whoever closes Madimatle will face certain death

**Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

No. Madimatle is unique. Also nearby for me to go to pray.

**Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

Yes

**What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?**

Biggest God is on Madimatle and he can destroy everything if he is angered by the mine

**Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?**

No

**How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?** We are unhappy.

**Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?**

No rain & people are dying



## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: *DEBORAH MOBISE*

Date of Birth: *09-11-1958*

Age: *55*

Female/Male:

Race: *TSWANA*

Type of spiritual training: *Nyaka*

Preferred Language/First Language: *Tswana*

Physical address: *1628 postler park section Lerame*

How long have you lived in this area? *1995-2014*

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? *yes*

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes*

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes*

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes*

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Pray, to speak to our ancestors*

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *we knock with stones to be allowed to enter*

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *every year*

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *Yes when ancestors tell us so.*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *It depends on ancestors.*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *yes and water*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes Tswana*

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? *yes, The Power of God A-Church*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *Both*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? *Very important Our ancestors are there. They heal if we are sick.*

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Many years*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *yes.*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *yes.*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *Once yearly.*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *No.*

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

We feel scared. Because people are going to die.  
Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Its unique, its trees, its creepers,

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Everybody.

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? Biggest God is there and it can destroy the mine.

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? No.

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? We are going to die of hunger.

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? No rain, people are dying.

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname:

Date of Birth: 19 66 02 08

Age: 48

Female/Male: Male

Race: Black

Type of spiritual training: ~~Prophet~~ and Healer

Preferred Language/First Language: Tswana

Physical address: Ho 10316  
P.O.B/Matlhotleng section Moruleng

How long have you lived in this area? Since birth

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? Yes

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? ~~Yes~~ imigidi

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? to improve power

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? ritual

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? twice yearly

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *Sometimes*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *yearly*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Overnight*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *yes*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Ik open professes*

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? *Apostolic*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *yes*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? *Very much*

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *long time*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *yes*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *yes*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *Good Friday last year*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *pain fall*

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

*It was so sorrow*

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*NO this one is powerful one*

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*yes*

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?

*Noise and dust*

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?

*NO since I heart is closed*

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?

*Negative*

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?

*yes my spirit is down*

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: ~~BENNE~~ AMELIA MOLESI

Date of Birth: 61 07 07

Age: 53

Female/Male:

Race: BLACK

Type of spiritual training: THO

Preferred Language/First Language: SOTHO

Physical address: 1450 LUKA

How long have you lived in this area? 40

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? YES

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? ANY TIME

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? BECAUSE 1 POWER

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? PRY

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? YES

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? YES

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? YES

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? THO

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? YES

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? YES

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? YES

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? 2013

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? NO



How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine? NO

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? WE GO TO DIE OF HUNGER

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? NO

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? BAD

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? The seasons have changed.

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Violet Itigeng

Date of Birth: 1962/10/10

Age: 53

Female/Male: Female

Race: African

Type of spiritual training: Traditional Healer

Preferred Language/First Language: Tswana, Africans

Physical address: E 206d section 4, mogwase

How long have you lived in this area? 10 years

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? Yes

Have you ever had <sup>molceti</sup> imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? To pray

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Pahlā

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? When the church goes there, so do I

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? NO

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? YES

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES tswana

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? YES, HERBERA APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? I go with traditional healers

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? YES, it houses the ancestors

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? From 1980

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? YES

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? YES

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? 2013

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? YES but only very recently

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

Bad - not good that mine is taking the ancestral place

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

NO

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Yes

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?

I will not be able to practice @ Madimatle - this will be painful for me

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?

No

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?

Unhappy

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?

The ancestors are very angry

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: MARTHA MAKHOTO

Date of Birth: 1972 APRIL 24

Age: 42

Female/Male: FEMALE

Race: ~~TSWANA~~ BLACK

Type of spiritual training: TRADITIONAL HEALER

Preferred Language/First Language: SETSWANA

Physical address: SANDFONTEIN BOIKHUTSO SECTION

How long have you lived in this area? 34

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? YES

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? No

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? No

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? YES OLD APOSTOL

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? No

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? YES

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? YES

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? No

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? NOT SET

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? YES

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine? **IS WRONG CAUSE SOMETIMES SOME PEOPLE FORCED TO GO THERE TO TAKE SOMETHING**

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **YES**

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **YES**

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? **PEOPLE WILL DIE**

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? **NO**

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? **I FEEL BAD CAUSE THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO USE TO GO THERE**

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? **I DONT KNOW**

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: *TRYPHINA MERSOE*

Date of Birth: *3 July 1950*

Age: *64*

Female/Male: *FEMALE*

Race: *AFRICAN / BLACK*

Type of spiritual training: *PROFET*

Preferred Language/First Language: *TSWANA*

Physical address: *317 Makgakgana Chaneng*

How long have you lived in this area? *44 years*

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? *parttime*

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes*

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes*

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *ask for line*

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Forty for people to solve my problem*

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *to pray*

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *at anytime*



Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? Yes, The ancestors blessings to take them to the mountain.

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? Sometimes

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? She just goes for a day and returns back.

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? 1) mphaga 2) Candle 3) Smiff

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Profet, yes the is a history.

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?

Yes, Sir Stevens

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? Sometimes she goes alone or with the Church.

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? Yes, when she takes problems there she gets resolutions.

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? FOR YEARS.

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? Yes

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? Yes

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? Last year

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? NO

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

Not happy

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? Danger to us (people)

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? NO

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?

-Not happy

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? YES.

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: **Benard msomi**

Date of Birth: **09 September 1961**

Age:

Female/Male: **male**

Race: **African / Black**

Type of spiritual training: **Profet**

Preferred Language/First Language: **Isizulu**

Physical address: **4594 Lethabong Hartabeesfontein**

How long have you lived in this area? **20 years**

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? **Parttime**

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **YES**

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **YES**

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **YES**

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **ask for life and Fortune for people.**

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **It depends on the ~~peep~~ persons / patients that are sick that needs to go there.**

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? ~~We~~ send people there cause of the spirituality Says so.

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? It depends on ~~the~~ <sup>what</sup> if the spirit says the patient must go there.

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? It depends on the patient's ancestors.

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? It depends on if the ancestors of the patient ~~would~~ want to take the trip for longer time or a shorter time/visit.

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? 1) (Snaiiff) a must 2) mpepha  
3) Bejwata Traditional beer if depends.

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Profet, yes he does.

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? The Christian Apostolic Church in Zion.

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? It depends on the spirit send by the Ancestors of the patient.

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? YES, to help people eg (Health, life).

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? SINCE he was born.

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? YES.

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? YES.

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? This year.

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? YES.

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine? *Sadness*

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *No alternative place for this mountain or cave*

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *It will disturb cause spiritual work.*

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? *They will lose people, lifes and culture.*

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? *I<sup>dn't</sup> feel well, not happy about it.*

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? *cause th<sup>o</sup> is no help for the people, who need help from th<sup>o</sup> mountain/cave.*

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Joseph Malungani

Date of Birth: 30 January 1953

Age: 61

Female/Male: male

Race: African / Black

Type of spiritual training: Ngaka

Preferred Language/First Language: Setswana

Physical address:

How long have you lived in this area? 15 years

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? Full time

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? To help people.

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? To ask for life on their behalf.

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? It depends on patients.

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? **Yes**

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? **If there is a need to take them.**

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **It depends on Ancestors.**

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **It depends on the help given to the patient.**

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? **1) (Snaiff) a must. 3) mphapha**

**2) Tradition bear**

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **Ngaka, Yes there is a history of him going to the mountains.**

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?

**NO**

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? **Alone.**

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? **Yes, It helps the his patients.**

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **For years**

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? **YES**

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? **Yes**

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? **a year ago.**

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? **NO**

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

Not happy

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No alternative place.

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes.

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? People won't live happily.

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? No

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?

Not happy

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? I Do not know



## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Mofwati Slimela

Date of Birth: 1901/12/06

Age: 54

Female/Male: male

Race: African

Preferred Language/First Language: Tswana

Physical address: Hlathebees, 6130

How long have you lived in this area? 8 years

Are you currently employed? Yes - Phrophet

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Pahlá, praise the lang

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Pahlá

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? often

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? Yes, because ancestors stay there

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Many years

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? Yes

Do you "pahlá" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? Yes

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? 2 days ago

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? NO

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine? unhappy

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No, there is no other place

Which church group or other religious group do you belong to? Galaila  
Apostolic Church

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? with Church

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? NO

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? Not happy

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? they will be angry.  
↓  
ancestors

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: MORHOPE ROBERT

Date of Birth: 7405.01.

Age: 39

Female/Male:

Race: Black

Preferred Language/First Language: TSWANA

Physical address: Box 59

How long have you lived in this area? 1970

Are you currently employed? No

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? It's where we pray

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Speak with ancestors

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? Yes

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? 2000

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? Yes

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? Yes

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? 2000

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? yes

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine? Bad

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Which church group or other religious group do you belong to? POWER OF GOD

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? NO

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? NO

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? Bad

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? NO

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Dikgang Manganyi

Date of Birth: 1985-02-29

Age: 28

Female/Male: male

Race: African

Preferred Language/First Language: Setswana

Physical address: Rustenburg Elhabane 948 Monedi Str.

How long have you lived in this area? 29

Are you currently employed? NO

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I can go to a mountain in kloof to worship.

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Pray.

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Depends when we received a dream.

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? yes, we r

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? yes.

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? yes

**When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?** 1 month

**Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?** NO

**How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?**

unhappy, & sad.

**Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Yes.

**Which church group or other religious group do you belong to?**

Power of God Apostolic Church.

**Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both?** Alone

**Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?** NO

**How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?** unhappy,

**Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?** Not yet but the ancestor, can kill you if they are not happy.

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Sello Nlou

Date of Birth: 1970-07-20

Age: 44

Female/Male: Male

Race: African

Preferred Language/First Language: Tswana

Physical address: Rustenburg

How long have you lived in this area? 28 years

Are you currently employed? No

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I can go to a mountain in kloof to to worship

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Pray

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Depends on when we receive a dream

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? Yes

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? Yes

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? Yes

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? 2 weeks ago

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? No

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

Unhappy & sad.

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Yes

Which church group or other religious group do you belong to?

Apostolic Church

Power of God

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both?

Alone

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?

No

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?

Unhappy

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?

Not yet but the ancestors can kill you if they are not happy



## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Dikgang Molope D C Molope

Date of Birth: ~~28~~ 1 October 1928

Age: 84

Female/Male: Male

Race: Black

Type of spiritual training: Nyanga/Ngaka (Traditional Healer)

Preferred Language/First Language: Tswana (Kgatla)

Physical address: Sandfontein (7km from Moruleng)

How long have you lived in this area? 84 years

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? Headman of the Bakgatla-Bakgafela

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No, I am aware of Gatkop and Madimatle cave however I have been to Madimatle.

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I know of many of my elders

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I have been to Madimatle, however was not able to access the caves

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I go there to seek herbal remedies and plants.

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

There are medicinal plants, and ask a person to lead me to where the plants are.

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

I have been there 3 times in my life.

where the plants are.

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? I have not because I do not initiate

sangomas, as the Nguni's do.

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? Culturally, being a Tswana tribal healer

we do not take patients there.

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes, there are many.

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No, I collect

medicinal plants only.

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? Yes

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I do not

know.

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?

NG Kerk (United Reformed Church)

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? I visited with other traditional

healers

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? Yes, it is

a sacred seat of our ancestors that have power

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? For as long as I have

lived.

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? Yes

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? Yes, it is important

to do so.

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? September

2013

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? Yes

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

*I am feeling powerless because the land is owned by the whites.*  
Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *No*

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*The ancestors will be deeply and irreparably aggrieved*

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?

*Mining will have an irreversibly devastating impact*

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?

*Yes, September 2013*

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?

*I am of the firm belief that if a mine is built, there would be destruction*

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?

*Not that I am aware.*

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Alfred Mannafela ~~Pfizer~~

Date of Birth: 1 January 1961

Age: 54

Female/Male: Male

Race: Black

Type of spiritual training: Traditional Healer (Tswana)

Preferred Language/First Language: Tswana

Physical address: Moruleng

How long have you lived in this area? 20 years

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? No, I am a  
miner worker at Swartklip mine.

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle  
mountain? No, but I am aware of its power and  
significance.

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle  
mountain? No

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No, I am  
aware of people who have been and I also know  
of the place.

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

N/A

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

N/A

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

N/A

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? N/A

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes, many of them have!

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Not at Madimatle but at other places such as the mountain nearby.

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? I use plants, but none from Madimatle.

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? Yes, the Apostolic Church

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? I visit other sacred places in my area.

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? Yes, my own ancestors may require of me to go and also, I may need to take a patient there.

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Not from my family but other healers have.

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? Yes

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? N/A

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? N/A

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? Yes

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

*It is sad because it is a place of worship and  
our ancestral home*

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*I cannot make a definitive statement  
except to say its recognition and importance is because*

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*Our ancestors will not allow an environment  
that will disturb the sanctity of the mountain*

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?

*Terrible, it will undermine  
the presence and significance of our culture.*

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?

*N/A*

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?

*It must be  
stopped so as to preserve our culture + beliefs.*

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?

*N/A*

*it  
is  
an  
ancestral  
home*

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Esther Kwekwana ESTHER

Date of Birth: 10 September 1940

Age: 74

Female/Male: Female

Race: Black

Type of spiritual training: Qarha/Sungoma

Preferred Language/First Language: Xhosa

Physical address: Mnanono, Rustenburg

How long have you lived in this area? My parents came here in 1920, and I was born here.

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? I am a full-time healer and belong to the Methodist Church.

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I have never been, however I am aware of it and have heard of it.

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why?

N/A

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain?

N/A

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

I have heard of people who do.

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

N/A

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients?

N/A

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

No

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?

Methodist Church

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both?

No

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?

I ~~do~~ fear talking about it. My ancestors are fussy.

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

N/A

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers?

I cannot comment

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?

N/A

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?

N/A

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?

N/A



How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

*I am loathe to comment*

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*N/A*

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*N/A*

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?

*I am loathe to comment. Our ancestral seats are dangerous.*

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?

*N/A*

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?

*I feel terrified.*

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?

*N/A*

## Questionnaire

**Name and Surname:** Mosupye Rebecca Mbeki

**Date of Birth:** 1939-04-12

**Age:** 75

**Female/Male:** Female

**Race:** Black

**Type of spiritual training:** Traditional healer and prophecy

**Preferred Language/First Language:** Setswana

**Physical address:** House No 331, Zone 1, Ga-rankuwa

**How long have you lived in this area?** 52 years

**Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do?** yes

**Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** NO But at Mautse

**Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** NO

**Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** NO

**Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

**What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

**How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? NO

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO But they do come at Mautse

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? yes I do meditate and talk to my ancestors at Mautse

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? yes

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Mongoma, Mondau. yes there is a history.

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? yes. catholic Church

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? yes, I go with the people who are like me at Mautse

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? yes it is, because My ancestors send me there when they want me to do something. this place has medicines of importance.

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? as far as 20 years

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? yes I do

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? yes I do

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? 2012 September

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? ~~no~~ yes but only one part of it and in the end they opened it because of the ancestors.

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

Horrorified, shocked and traumatised.

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

All our spiritual, heritage seats of spirituality are important. Should be protected.

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

The ancestors would be angered. Mineworkers may die in huge numbers.

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?

It undermines our culture. Our ancestors will be angered.

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?

N/A

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?

There may be a lot of people dying and natural disasters. I feel undermined and disregarded.

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?

N/A

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: John Letsebe Malatji<sup>o</sup>

Date of Birth: 21.12.1981

Age: 33

Female/Male: Male

Race: Tswana

Type of spiritual training: Traditional healer

Preferred Language/First Language:

Physical address: Mabele-a-pedi<sup>o</sup> Section 01  
House 358  
Mogwase 0318

How long have you lived in this area? 33 years

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do?

Full time traditional

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

No, however I have visited other mountains of ancestors, such as Ntshereletsa, Ntsedimane.

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

I have not visited Madimatle however I know of its importance.

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

N/A

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

N/A

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? ~~no~~ N/A

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? Not from Madimatle but I have used other from other ancestral places.

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Ba-Kgatta ba Kgafela. Traditional Healer.

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?

I'm just an Ancestral and pray god holy spirit and speak with Ancestor

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? I didn't N/A

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?

Yes, because is were our ancestor live and is very important to us South africans

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? Yes

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? No, but phahla at Ntsekeletsa

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? N/A

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? Yes.

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

Painfull and scared and terrified.

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

No

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

There will be no peace, the spirits of the ancestors will be lost, there'll be unrest.

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?

There will be a lack of rain, animals will die and people will die of hunger.

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?

~~N/A~~ however, I wish to go.

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?

I don't feel good at all. I feel terrible and our heritage and culture is eradicated.

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?

N/A

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Martha Shongwane

Date of Birth: 2 February 1971

Age: 43

Female/Male: Female

Race: Black

Type of spiritual training: Prophet (traditional)

Preferred Language/First Language: Tswana

Physical address: 902 Sandfontein, Sekgathleng  
section, Rustenburg

How long have you lived in this area? 34 years

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? Full-time prophet

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? There are too many.

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I go there to  
"phahla" and meditate and speak to my ancestors.

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Phahla, pray, sing, meditate

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Good Friday 2014. We go  
there every year.



Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *Yes, it's a place where our ancestors are all gathered and are able to heal and hear our problems.*  
How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *Every year on Good Friday.*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *We stay there normally for a week.*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *Yes, very many.*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Kgatha*

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? *The New Bethel Apostolic Church.*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *I normally go with our church groups.*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? *Yes. It is a very powerful place. Anyone who goes there will be given immense power.*  
How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *1983*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *Yes, immensely.*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *March 2014*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *No*

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

I feel terrible, hurt and hopeless.

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

No, Madimatle is most powerful.

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Ancestors will be disturbed. It is a place of peace and quiet.

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?

We will have to fight to protect our ancestral home

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?

No, I was not aware that it is closed.

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?

I feel hopeless, helpless and that our ancestors will be angered.

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?

N/A

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: TAMPI TUIS RAKOMA

Date of Birth: 1959-04-18

Age:

Female/Male: Male

Race: TSWANA

Type of spiritual training: Sangoma Spiritual

Preferred Language/First Language: SETSWANA

Physical address: 586 Supermarket Street, Lethabong,  
Rustenburg

How long have you lived in this area? Since 1971.

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? I am a  
traditional healer and a prophet.

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle  
mountain? No, I am aware of it. I was planning  
to go with my colleagues from Bethal.

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle  
mountain? No

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? No

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? No

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? yes!

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? yes!

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? I am an Archbishop from Lejoe La Thuso Apostle Church.  
Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? No

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? Very much so - To protect the lives of people. To heal people and to give hope.  
How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? Absolutely, people have gone to Madimatle not being able to walk and return healed.  
Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? N/A

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? N/A

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? Yes

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

My spirits are low. We still had hope that we would go and take our parents there.

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Not at all

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors) at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Our ancestors will be saddened.

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?

The effects will be devastating.

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?

No, I was planning to go there around September 2014.

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?

I am disappointed, shattered and my soul is destroyed.

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?

N/A

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname:

KBABETSWG HIBCHWG

Date of Birth: 1978 02 12

Age: 35

Female/Male:

Race: Black

Type of spiritual training:

Traditional healer  
Preferred Language/First Language: English & Setswana

Physical address: SAULSPOORT

How long have you lived in this area?

35 years

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do?

YES

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

YES

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

for ritual purpose

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Pray, healing and taking medicines,  
How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Many times

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *YES. for ritual purpose*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *Many times*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *YES*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *YES, sometimes*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *yes*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*we sometimes pray and we ~~can~~ talk to ancestors*

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?

*yes A.B.B.B*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with your church group or both? *Both*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?

*yes. that's where ancestors are easily to talk to.*

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*not sure about it.*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *yes*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?

*yes*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?

*2013*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?

*no*

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

Bad

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? 100

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

yes

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? Ancestors do not need to much

Noise every time  
Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?

yes

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?

Bad

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?

I have no idea



## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: LEA TEROGO MASIKANE

Date of Birth: 1978-05-15

Age: 36 yrs

Female/Male: FEMALE

Race: BLACK

Type of spiritual training: SANGOMA & SPIRITUAL

Preferred Language/First Language: TSWANA

Physical address: B 629 LUKA RALESOBESOBÉ SECTION

How long have you lived in this area? 35 years

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? NO. Working at Impale mine

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I have never been at the cave but I hear the importance of it

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? (Phahla)

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I have never been there

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? **NO**

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? **NO**

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **Yes**

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **NO, I have never been there**

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? **Yes, they give me water and stones and plants**

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **Yes, Sangoma and porofita. He taught me that to reveal / revive our ancestral strength is going to cave**  
Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? **NO**

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? **Yes because it have a healing to the Peoples**

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **never been there**

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? **Yes**

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? **Yes**

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? **never been there**

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? **NO**

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

I feel bad and dishonoured because that is the only way of us meeting our ancestors

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

NO - madimatle is the nearest place for me and easier to be found

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

yes because I have to concentrate in my ancestral work

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?

Noise and Dust, the ancestors want peace and quite

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?

NO

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? I feel bad because they distract our culture and spiritual performance

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? I have no idea

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Frederick Gobakwang Pheto

Date of Birth: 08/03/1976

Age: 38

Female/Male: male

Race: Tswana

Type of spiritual training: Sangoma/Prophet

Preferred Language/First Language: Tswana

Physical address: 138 unit 1 Mogwase

How long have you lived in this area? Over 17 years

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? YES

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I have never been at the cave but I hear the importance of it.

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? (Phala)

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I have never been there

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? **NO**

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? **NO**

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **Yes**

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **NO, I have never been there**

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? **Yes, they bring water and stones plants.**

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **Sangoma/prophet, He taught me that to reveal/revive our ancestral strength is going to caves.**  
Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? **Boutle Ba Tshireletso Apostolic church**

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? **NO**

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? **Yes, from what I heard is that it has facilities that I can use in my ancestral work**  
How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **Never been there**

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? **Yes**

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? **Yes**

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? **never been there**

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? **NO**

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine? I feel bad and dishonoured because that is the only way of us meeting our ancestors.

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO - Madumatle is the nearest place for me and easier to be found

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes because I have to concentrate in my ancestral work

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? Noise and Dust, the ancestors want peace and quite

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? NO

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? I feel bad because they distract our culture and spiritual performance

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? I have no idea

## Questionnaire

**Name and Surname:**

EVAH TSHOLOFELO MONTSHO

**Date of Birth:**

1975 - 08 - 03

**Age:** 38

**Female/Male:**

FEMALE

**Race:** Black

TSWANA

**Type of spiritual training:**

SANGOMA / spiritual

**Preferred Language/First Language:**

SETSWANA

**Physical address:**

10066 Borule section [LASEKANE]

**How long have you lived in this area?**

38 yrs

**Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do?**

yes

**Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I went there for traditional revival ceremony**

(SECHESO)

**Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO**

**Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? yes!**

**Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

To acquire strengths of traditional healing and talk with the ancestors

**What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

Traditional ceremony and sleepover

**How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *yes! To talk to ancestors and sleepover*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *4 times a year*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes!*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *water and mphepe*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?

*RAPELANG APOSTOLIC CHURCH*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *Both*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? ~~NO~~ *Yes*  
*it revives my spirits and I "pahla" there.*

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *During Good Friday*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *yes!*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *yes!*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *Easter*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *NO!*



How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

*I feel terrible and hurt because I heal when I*

Is there <sup>go there</sup> an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *No*

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*Our ancestors would never accept that.*

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?

*It affects me negatively and badly, I mean my ancestors ~~there~~ and they talk to me when I'm there.*

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?

*2014 (March) Good Friday*

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?

*I feel hurt, disappointed and undermined.*

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?

*N/A*

## Questionnaire

**Name and Surname:** Salome Mmaseepi Mathake

**Date of Birth:** 1946-07-28

**Age:** 68

**Female/Male:** Female

**Race:** Black

**Type of spiritual training:** Traditional healer, Prophet

**Preferred Language/First Language:** Setswana

**Physical address:** House no 30004, Green Side section, Moreleteng

**How long have you lived in this area?** 68 years

**Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do?** yes

**Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** no but I go to Mautse and Motlolloeng

**Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** no

**Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

**Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

**What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

**How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

**Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why?** yes, at the instructions of my ancestors

**How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain?** Between September and December in a year

**Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** yes they do come at Mautse

**Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** yes I spend some time there talking to my ancestors.

**Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients?** yes

**Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Mandaou, Setswana

**Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?** St. Moses church of prophecy

**Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both?** yes I do go with my church members

**Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?** yes, because we get medicines there and connect with our ancestors here

**How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** 30 years back

**Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers?** yes

**Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?** yes

**When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?** 2013 november

**Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?** no but there was a part that was closed then reopened.

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

I disagree with it. There may be a child, patient that requires spirits from the Great Place.

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Madimatle will remain relevant. A calling may require that a patient is sent specifically to Madimatle.

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

The ancestors will be angry. There may be things and unsafe things. The mine might collapse.

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?

It will eradicate and destroy a sacred, feared place.

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? N/A

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? It would be unheard of. It will completely destroy what is left of our culture and religion.

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?

Possibly, mass strife, many deaths, earthquakes, mass natural havoc.

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: *Joroso Ophniel Pettlele*

Date of Birth: *1 June 1943*

Age:

Female/Male: *Male*

Race: *Black*

Type of spiritual training: *Traditional Doctor*

Preferred Language/First Language: *Tswana*

Physical address: *E1996 Punoding, Phokeng*

How long have you lived in this area? *I was born here.*

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? *Yes*

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *No, I am aware of it.*

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *No*

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *No*

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *No*

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *No*

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *No*

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? N/A

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? N/A

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Kgatla  
Mokwena from Phokeng

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? Lutheran Church

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? N/A

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? Very much so, because all our ancestors are there.

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? Yes

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? N/A

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? N/A

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? Yes

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine? *I am shattered and totally against it.*

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Not at all*

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Our ancestors will be hurt, angered. The mining activities will be not be successful.*

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? *It is Ancestral seats are meant to be respected and protected or else there will be anarchy.*

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? *N/A*

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?

*Shattered, totally against it.*

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? *N/A*

## Questionnaire

**Name and Surname:** Kenaope Letlole

**Date of Birth:** 1948-11-10

**Age:** 65

**Female/Male:** female

**Race:** Black

**Type of spiritual training:** Traditional healer and prophecy

**Preferred Language/First Language:** Setswana

**Physical address:** House no 141, Sandfontein, Setlogale-g Section

**How long have you lived in this area?** 35 years

**Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do?** yes

**Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** N/A

**Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** no

**Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** N/A

**Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** N/A

**What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** N/A

**How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** N/A



Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? N/A

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? N/A

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?

Tshenolo apostolic church

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? N/A

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? N/A

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? N/A

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? N/A

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? N/A

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? N/A

**How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?**

*They can't close the mountain because maybe my ancestors can send me there.*

**Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** *no*

**Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** *yes*

**What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?** *it will kill our cultural practices*

**Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?** *no*

**How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?** *I don't feel well and a mine can't be built there.*

**Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?** *N/A*

## Questionnaire

**Name and Surname:** Tshdofelo Johanna Dintwe

**Date of Birth:** 1952-06-07

**Age:** 62

**Female/Male:** Female

**Race:** Black

**Type of spiritual training:** Traditional healer, prophecy

**Preferred Language/First Language:** Setswana

**Physical address:** House no 679, Lerome

**How long have you lived in this area?** 62 years

**Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do?** yes

**Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** <sup>mulceti</sup> Motouloia Lesotho

**Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** yes, it was my daughter but on a church trip.

**Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** no

**Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** N/A

**What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** N/A

**How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** N/A

**Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why?** yes, to pray there

**How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain?** once a year in May

**Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** yes

**Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** yes and I do spend time talking to my ancestors

**Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients?** yes

**Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

**Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?** United St. Paul

**Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both?** both

**Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?** yes, that is where I connect and speak to my ancestors.

**How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** 10 years back

**Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers?** yes

**Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?** yes

**When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?** 2013 May

**Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?** no

**How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?**

*They can't close that mountain, my ancestors might send me here.*

**Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** NO

**Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** yes

**What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?** Our ancestors will be angry with us

**Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?** NO

**How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?** I don't feel that the mine must be situated there.

**Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?** N/A

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Johanna Phefo

Date of Birth: 12/11/1935

Age: 79

Female/Male: Female

Race: Tswana

Type of spiritual training: Prophet

Preferred Language/First Language: Tswana

Physical address: 1310, Meropane

How long have you lived in this area? more than 19 years

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? Yes

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? no

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? no

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? no

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? (to connect with my ancestors)

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? (Phala)

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? (never)

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? NO

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? Never

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Never

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? NO

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Prophet, I heard that its where we connect with our forefathers

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? Luther Church

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? NO

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? because most of Traditional healers go there and connect with their ancestors  
How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? never

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? Yes

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? NO, never been there

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? never

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? NO

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine? *I feel bad, I don't want it to close down*

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *NO*

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? *NOISE and dust*

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? *NO*

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? *I don't want to see any mine at madimatle because its a respected place*  
Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? *NO, I am not sure*



## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Owica Motsheko

Date of Birth: 01/01/1967

Age: 47

Female/Male: Female

Race: Pedi

Type of spiritual training: Sangoma

Preferred Language/First Language: Pedi

Physical address: 60126 Morokwaneng

How long have you lived in this area? 20 years

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? Yes

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I have never been there

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I have never been there

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? never

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? **NO**

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? **never**

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **no**

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **no**

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? **no**

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **Sangoma, I was taught that it is an important place whereby we connect with our ancestors.**  
Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? **African church informed Jesus**

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? **NO**

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? **Yes because we connect with our ancestors.**

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **NO**

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? **Yes**

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? **never**

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? **never**

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? **NO**

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine? *I feel bad because I don't want it to close down.*

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *NO & Madimatle is nearer*

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? *noise, the ancestors want a quite place*

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? *never*

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? *I don't wanna see any mine where we connect with our ancestors.*  
Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? *no, I am not sure*

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Peggy Molo~~pe~~ ~~Mr~~

Date of Birth: 01 March 1950

Age: 62

Female/Male:

Race: BLACK

Type of spiritual training: PROPHET

Preferred Language/First Language: SETSWANA

Physical address: 20005 SEGAKWANA

How long have you lived in this area? 1984 till present

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? Yes, full time traditional healer

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes, have had imigidi at ~~the~~ Ramatshq~~la~~ Mountain

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes, on a different mountain

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? It is a place for Gods

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

To Pahla, to pray

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

As often as prayer needs it

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? No, hasn't had a patient to take there

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? It may take to three to five visits.

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? It depends, can go up to 3 to 5 days

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? Yes, and water (to wash).

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

General Zion Apostolic Church I was taught to pray

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?

General Zion Apostolic Church

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with your church group or both? With a group

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? Yes, I believe in the ancestor

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Last year

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? Yes

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?

Yes

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?

1995

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?

Only heard about it yesterday, 22 May 2014

**How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?**

Very surprised & shocked.

**Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Yes, Moruleng Mountain

**Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Yes

**What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices, and religion?** It will intercept spiritual connection

It will be dangerous

**Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?** No, haven't been there.

**How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?**

Doesn't feel good & happy about it

**Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?** No, nothing bad yet as

she only found out yesterday.

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: DINEO SYLWA MARHOKO

Date of Birth: 70-08-11

Age: 44 yrs

Female/Male:  Female

Race: Black

Type of spiritual training: TRADITIONAL HEALER AND PROFET

Preferred Language/First Language: ISWANA

Physical address: HOUSE NO 10180  
DIKWEPI

How long have you lived in this area? 38 yrs

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? YES

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? TO GET MORIANGI

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? ONCE A  
FORTY NIGHT

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *yes*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *To pray | yes*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *yes*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*PROPHET & ndawo*

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? *BAPELONG - CHURCH*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *church / THPs'*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? *yes*

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *March*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *yes*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *yes*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *March*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *yes*



How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

*Very bad*

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*No*

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*Yes*

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?

*Destroy our work & power*

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?

*Yes*

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?

*Not good at all*

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?

*Yes*

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Molebalwa Magdalena Popie.

Date of Birth: 1959-09-05

Age: 54

Female/Male:

Race: Tswana

Type of spiritual training:

Preferred Language/First Language:

Physical address: 1718 Malebana - metsing Letlabong

How long have you lived in this area? 54 years

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? Yes

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? - UKUPHATHA  
& SPIRITUAL WORK

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Talk to my ancestors

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Twice a month

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *Yes, so that they also speak to their ancestors*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *When there is a need / or instructed by my ancestors.*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *Yes*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? - *Amab amadlozi - Not to ignore the power of Madimatle*

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? *TLO*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *alone & sometimes with a group*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? *Yes Taught there what to do & not.*

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Early this year*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *Yes - very powerful*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *February*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *No*

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

*Very sad*

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *No*

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*Yes*

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? *loose our identity*

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? *No*

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? *Its very bad*

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? *Yes bad dreams*

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Nkele Phiri

Date of Birth: 1963/04/02

Age:

Female  Male:

Race: BLACK

Type of spiritual training: TRADITIONAL HEALER

Preferred Language/First Language: TSWANA

Physical address: 436, SANFTEIN, SEGATHLENG SECTION

How long have you lived in this area? 1958-2014

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do?

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes, at madimatle

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes, the church (Apostle Church)

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? The spirit sent me to take a patient there

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

They pahla & pray & speak to Gods for a better life

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

There is no set time or amounts of visits

**Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why?** Yes, when a patient approaches me informing me to go based on a dream, I take them there

**How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain?** As often as a patient has dreamt to go there, no set time.

**Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Yes, they do visit

**Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Yes, for about a week

**Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients?** Yes

**Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

Ntasa, was given & taught by her uncle & she grew up with him using medicines & went to maintain with him

**Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?**

Yes, APOSTLE (The New BETHEL APOSTOLIC CHURCH)

**Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both?** I can visit it by myself.

**Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?** Yes because it has power, all that we ask for it gives us power

**How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting**

Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Started with her uncle, with his children & still goes

**Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers?** Yes, it's not like any other mountain in terms of giving power. It's extremely powerful

**Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?**

Yes, to speak to elders with plants & you feel prayers answered.

**When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?**

The week of good friday

**Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?**

No, just heard today.

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

I feel hurt because they didn't ask for permission.

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

No

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Yes, it will affect communication

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?

Won't be able to go inside to heal patients

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?

No, they just heard now

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?

They don't feel good because it's so important to their ancestral practice

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?

They don't know because they just found out

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Lobisa Mkgwe

Date of Birth: 06/04/1952

Age: 63

Female/Male: Female

Race: Tswana

Type of spiritual training: Sangoma

Preferred Language/First Language: Tswana

Physical address: 280 Luka

How long have you lived in this area? 63 years

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? Yes

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? To perform ancestral rituals

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? (Phahla)

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? (once a year)



Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *Yes*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *Once a year*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *Yes*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Sangoma, madimatle is the place where we meet and communicate with our ancestors*  
Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *Both (communicate with our ancestors)*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? *Yes, we communicate with our ancestors*

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *2 years back*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *Yes*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *2 years back*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *No*

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine? I feel bad because to me its a sign OF disrespect to us as traditional healers  
Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO, madimatle is nearest place

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? NOISE

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? NO

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? I dont want them to close it!! I am so disappointed and disrespected  
Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? NO

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Betty Mawle

Date of Birth: 1960-9-20

Age: 54

Female/Male: female

Race: Xhosa

Type of spiritual training: Sangoma

Preferred Language/First Language: Xhosa

Physical address: Mabel Mpedi Section 4 E125

How long have you lived in this area? 24 years ✓

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? Yes

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I have never been there

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? to talk to our sisters (go phatla)

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I have never been there

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *NO*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *NO*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *NO*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *Yes*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Sangoma No*

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? *Yes*  
*The Anglican Church*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *I have never*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? *Yes*  
*to meet on sisters (Gophatla goxapela)*

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *I have never*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *Yes*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *I have never*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *NO*

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine? *I haven't*

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *NO*

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes*

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? *Disturbance, unsisters remain steps in 2nd place*

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? *NO*

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? *Painful because I will be denied chance to perform my spiritual / Sangoma duties*

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? *I have no Idea*

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Naome Malungani

Date of Birth: 02/02/1963

Age: 51

Female/Male: Female

Race: Swati

Type of spiritual training: Sangoma

Preferred Language/First Language: Tswana

Physical address: 152 unit 8 Mogwase

How long have you lived in this area? 8 years

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? Yes

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I went there for a Traditional Revival ceremony (secheso)

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? To acquire strength of traditional healing and talk with the ancestors

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Traditional ceremony and sleepover

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? 3 times a year

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? Yes, TO meet and talk to our ancestors (ukuphahla)

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? 3 times a year

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? Yes

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Sangema, my gobela taught me that madimatle mountain is a place where we connect to our ancestors.  
Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? St John Apostolic church

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? Both

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? Yes, because many things we get there develop our traditional work eg. water, plants.

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Easter 2014

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? Yes

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? Yes

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? Easter 2014

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? NO

**How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?** I haven't received any information about its close down but IF they want to close it, I say no!

**Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** NO there isn't any place because it is the nearest place

**Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Yes

**What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?** They will wanna dispart it, and the ancestors doesn't like a noisy place

**Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?** Yes, on Easter and we found fences but we never received an answer from anyone

**How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?** I feel that they are being disrespectful and they are killing our communication with our ancestors.

**Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?** We saw fences and materials and the cave was locked.



## Questionnaire

**Name and Surname:** Martha Kgelegi

**Date of Birth:** 1946-02-14

**Age:** 68

**Female/Male:** Female

**Race:** Black

**Type of spiritual training:** Traditional healer

**Preferred Language/First Language:** Setswana

**Physical address:** Howe no 10115, Monono

**How long have you lived in this area?** 17 years

**Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do?** yes

**Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** NO but I do them where my ancestors guide me to.

**Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** no

**Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** no

**Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** N/A

**What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** N/A

**How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** N/A

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? N/A

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? N/A

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Monday

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? Five Mission Apostolic Church

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? N/A

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? N/A

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? N/A

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? N/A

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? N/A

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? N/A

**How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?**

I know that from my ancestors that that place is dangerous and must be respected so they can't build a mine there.

**Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Thaba ya tshweneng Mountain at kraq/look in North West

**Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** yes

**What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?** The traditional healers and prophets will not be able to perform their duties.

**Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?** NO

**How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?** There will be no peace and those white people will not build the mine there. They need to ask for permission from the ancestors.

**Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?** N/A

## Questionnaire

**Name and Surname:** Okatswa Susan Kotsedi

**Date of Birth:** 1937-08-28

**Age:** 77

**Female/Male:** female

**Race:** Black

**Type of spiritual training:** Traditional healer

**Preferred Language/First Language:** Setswana

**Physical address:** House no 539, Magong, ngotwane Section

**How long have you lived in this area?** 77 years

**Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do?** yes

**Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** no but I do this in my own home

**Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** no

**Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** no

**Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** M/A

**What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** M/A

**How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** M/A

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? no

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? N/A

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? St. Moses  
Apostolic church OF prophecy

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? N/A

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? N/A

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? N/A

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? N/A

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? N/A

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? N/A

**How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?**

They must not build a mine here

**Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** N/A

**Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** yes

**What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?** Ancestral spirits will be disturbed

**Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?** N/A

**How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?** Our ancestors spirits here will not be in peace

**Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?** N/A

## Questionnaire

**Name and Surname:** Nnanki Victoria Ranokeng

**Date of Birth:** 1944-01-20

**Age:** 70

**Female/Male:** Female

**Race:** Black

**Type of spiritual training:** Traditional healer and prophecy

**Preferred Language/First Language:** Setswana

**Physical address:** House no 30~~6~~61, Vuka section, Moruleng

**How long have you lived in this area?** 48 years

**Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do?** yes

**Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** no but at Mautse

**Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** yes

**Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** no

**Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

**What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

**How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

**Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why?** yes I do, at the instruction of my ancestors

**How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain?** once or twice a year

**Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** yes there are

**Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** yes I do and I do talk to my ancestors

**Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients?** yes

**Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Mandaq and Mokone

**Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?** St. John

**Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both?** yes I do go ~~my~~ with my church people

**Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?** yes, It is where I connect with my ancestors and receive instructions from my ancestors.

**How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** 13 years back

**Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers?** yes

**Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?** yes

**When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?** 2012 September

**Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?** no but there was a part that was closed then reopened.



**How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?**

They must not close that mountain, it will disturb our healing and cultural practices.

**Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** yes at Mankise

**Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** yes

**What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?** Healers will not be able to do what their ancestors want them to do

**Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?** N/A

**How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?** It can't be built there

**Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?** N/A

## Questionnaire

**Name and Surname:** Seteki Sophia Phiri

**Date of Birth:** 1934-09-06

**Age:** 80

**Female/Male:** Female

**Race:** Black

**Type of spiritual training:** ~~Setswana~~ Traditional healer

**Preferred Language/First Language:** Setswana

**Physical address:** House no 50976, Mabodisa Section, Morija

**How long have you lived in this area?** 80 years

**Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do?** yes

**Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** no but in my own home

**Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** N/A

**Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** no

**Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** N/A

**What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** N/A

**How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** N/A

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? N/A

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? N/A

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? ~~N/A~~ Mandau  
Mokone

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? M.G kerk in  
AFrika

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? N/A

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? N/A

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? N/A

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? N/A

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? N/A

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? N/A

**How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?**

They can't build a mine here, it will disturb our ancestral spirits

**Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Matibidi in Limpopo

**Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** yes

**What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?** Traditional healers will not be able to perform any cultural practices

**Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?** N/A

**How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?** this will disturb the ancestral spirits

**Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?** N/A

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: **GALETSI SYDNEY'S SEGALE**

Date of Birth: **1957-04-30**

Age: **57**

Female/Male:  Male

Race: **Black**

Type of spiritual training: **Traditional Healer**

Preferred Language/First Language: **Tswana**

Physical address: **Makeresseng 10208**

How long have you lived in this area? **1957 - 2014**

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? **Yes**

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **Yes**

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **Yes, there are people who have ceremonies there.**

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **Yes, he has went to visit**

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **to go pray**

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **to pray & get a better life**

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **twice a month.**

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? Yes, to go pray to their gods.

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? no set time, it depends on the patient

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes, they visit

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes, for about a weekend

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? Yes

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

1971 Magay's started from Bushbarkridge & taught to an swer people.

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?

YES, EEN GEE CHURCH

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? No, I go with people

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? Yes, because I can go and ask to heal people

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Started in or about 1994

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? Yes, it does

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? Yes

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?

Last month

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?

No, just heard today

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

I don't feel good by their actions

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes, it will affect communication.

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? They won't be able to go in & will thus affect them spiritually & their ancestors

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? No, they just recently heard

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? doesn't feel right because it's extremely important

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?

They don't know because they just found out about the restriction

## Questionnaire

**Name and Surname:** Zipporah Kgakgamatso Montatsi

**Date of Birth:** 8301260498083

**Age:** 31 yrs

**Female/Male:**

**Race:** Tswana

**Type of spiritual training:** Anophot & healer

**Preferred Language/First Language:** Tswana

**Physical address:** Segakwaneng #140, 20499

**How long have you lived in this area?** 4 yrs

**Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do?** Yes

**Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Yes

**Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Yes

**Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Yes

**Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

Every year - go phatlha

**What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

Yes - to talk to my ancestors

**How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

Once a year



Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *Spiritual or is a vision*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *according to a voice during the night or a vision*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *of course*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *Yes*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Adawe*

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?

*Madibisanang Apostolic Church*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *Both - closed*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?

*exactly => to talk to my ancestors*

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *2014*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *of course*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?

*Yes*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?

*2014*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *No*

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

Very Harmful

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? Killing our soul & spiritual

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? No

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?

Very bad

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? No presently

## Questionnaire

**Name and Surname:** Thendazulo Neldis Chauma

**Date of Birth:** 7811240538085

**Age:** 37yrs

**Female/Male:**

**Race:** Zulu - Black

**Type of spiritual training:** Healer & Prophet

**Preferred Language/First Language:** English

**Physical address:** Moruleng : malebye Section

**How long have you lived in this area?** 21yrs

**Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do?** Yes

**Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Every year in the beginning of the year

**Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Yes

**Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Yes

**Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

To cooperate with my ancestors to show me the

**What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** good way

To talk to my ancestors

**How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

Once a year

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *Spiritual or in a vision*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *according to a voice during the night or vision*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *of course*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *Yes*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Adawo*

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? *Samaritan Apostolic Church*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *both*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?

*Exactly -> to talk to my ancestors*

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *2014 -> closed*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *of course*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?

*Yes*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?

*2014 -> closed*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *No*

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

Very Harmful

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? Killing our soul and spiritual

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? No.

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?

Very bad

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? Not presently

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: FRANK MOUSANE

Date of Birth: 1948 08 12

Age: = 66

Female/Male:  Male

Race: Black

Type of spiritual training: Traditional Healer

Preferred Language/First Language: TSWANA

Physical address: 574 Sandfontein

How long have you lived in this area? 1948/2014

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? Minister + traditional healer

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO, hasn't had imigidi or inhlombe anywhere else

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? yes

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO, doesn't deal with mountains

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? to pray. it's for Gods

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Prayers, you don't just go there on your own accord.. it is to speak to Gods

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

- never been to any mountain

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? if spirits ordains you to go & take a patient or he himself informs you to take them

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? when summoned to do so

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes, they inform us of the visits

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes, over a couple of days.

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? Yes, plants are used

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*Started with the Headman in 1952 when his father was a healer*  
~~Bolelo~~ Bolelo Clan & was taught about plants & prayer

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?

STP APOSTLIC FAITH MISSION

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? No, have to go in a group

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?

Yes, because praying on the mountains empowers you

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

- Since he was born, people have always been visiting mountains

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? Yes.

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? Yes, they pray there

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?

It's been a month since he went

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?

Just heard now

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

It's not nice & very bad as they will be accountable to the elders

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Yes, but it's not the same as Madimatle

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Yes

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? It will kill their spirits

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? NO

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?

They do not feel good

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?

They don't know because they just heard about it



## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Thomas Thabo Mokatse

Date of Birth: 750509562087

Age: 39

Female/Male:

Race: thosa

Type of spiritual training: Healer & Prophet

Preferred Language/First Language: English

Physical address: P.O. Box 269 Saulsnoort 0318

How long have you lived in this area? 39

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? yes

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Every year in the beginning of the year

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? yes

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? yes

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

To cooperate with my ancestors to show me the

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

To talk to my ancestors

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Once a year

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *Spiritual or in a vision*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *According to a voice during the night or vision*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *of course*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *yes*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Ndowo*

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? *Madirisanany Apostolic Church*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *both*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?

*Exactly - to talk to my ancestors*

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *2014 → closed*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *of course*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *yes*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *2014 closed*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *no*

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

Very harmful

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? no

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? yes

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? killing our soul and spiritual

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? no

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? very bad

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? Not presently

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: *Francian Segalwe*

Date of Birth: *02-02-1952*

Age: *63*

Female/Male:

Race: *Black*

Type of spiritual training: *TMP*

Preferred Language/First Language: *Setswana*

Physical address: *939 Khateng*

How long have you lived in this area? *63*

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? *Yes*

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Spiritual purpose*

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *ukuphatha*

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *2 a month*

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *Yes*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *If case needs } moving*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *No*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *Yes*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Ndawwe*

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? *THO*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *both*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?

*because we talk to our ancestors*

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *2013*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *Yes*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *2013*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *No*

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

*Very Irritated*

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *No*

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? *Kill our work & power*

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? *No*

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? *Very bad*

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? *Not presently.*

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Molemi M. Mkhudang

Date of Birth: 691223

Age: 45

Female/Male:

Race: ~~Black~~ Montshwa.

Type of spiritual training: kereke re a rapela

Preferred Language/First Language: tswana

Physical address: Moraleby

How long have you lived in this area? 45 ~~yr~~

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do?

Mokete  
Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? —

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? ee ba re tswa ka teng

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

ee  
Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? go rapela

le go ba le badiamo  
What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? gokopa maqabla  
le go rapela.

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? ganyere

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why?

ga e e go rapela le go bona maatla  
a goala fa. le go fedi sa.

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain?

ke go mo isa kwa thabang

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

e e re aisi.

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

ma tsats' a mararo

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients?

e e re berikisa ditlhaga tse re  
difi thlang kwa madimatla

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Bongavaka  
ke batsere ka ditlhaga

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?

New Church

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both?

ke isa kwateng le batho bakere.

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?

e e re  
rapela moteng

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

ke setso sa rona.

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers?

e e go nalemata a a bonywang

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?

e e re kopu  
kwa teng more rebone tse re dipateng.

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?

kgedile kgedi.

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?

ke gona reutlwang



How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine? *9990*

*Q tshwaneng karore re papela kua teng.*  
Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *99 99 99 na ee tshwaneng leyoeng*

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? *Ba hik gose Bakaya mo t Badimong*

*Ba baona.*  
Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? *ee.*

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? *99 re a tshwana*  
*Kantla ya mine.*

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? *99 ee tsi.*

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Phosa Francinah

Date of Birth: 48-01-12

Age: 48

Female/Male:

Race: Pedi

Type of spiritual training: Ngata fanywa

Preferred Language/First Language: Pedi

Physical address: Motuleng malebje Sec

How long have you lived in this area? 35yrs

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? Yes

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Go phetla

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Gophatla

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Once a year

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *Yes only by a vision*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *only if it is important*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *No.*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *Yes*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Spiritual*

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?

*General Apostolic Church*  
Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *both*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?

*Yes - to talk to my ancestors*  
How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *2012*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *Yes*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?

*2012*  
Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *Yes*

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

Very harmful

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

blouberg both mountain & cave

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Yes

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?

Spiritual

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?

Yes - 2014

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?

Very bad

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?

No good rain, thunderstorm only

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: *BALANA SAN TANE*

Date of Birth: *15-06-81*

Age: *32*

Female/Male:

Race: *TSWANA / AFRICAN / BALK*

Type of spiritual training: *SANGONA / traditional healers.*

Preferred Language/First Language: *Tswana.*

Physical address: *LETHABONG - 617  
Phezu street.*

How long have you lived in this area? *29 years.*

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? *Yes in full time  
traditional healer.*

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes.*

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes*

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes.*

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Because of praying  
and talk to Mathozis/ancestors/ fetch medicines/muthu.*

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *praying.*

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *We go with  
reason/problem.*

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *Yes; Because their intractions (go ya ka zae'oe ke leetswe ka yona).*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes.*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes.*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes: OVERNIGHT.*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *Yes.*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? *Church - AA APOSTOLIC.*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *Church group.*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? *Yes; Because we need get what we need.*

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Two month back Two month Back*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *Yes*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *Last weekend*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *Yes*

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine? *I feel sad about that cause it ~~is~~ on live and my soul*

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *No one some like Gatkop cave.*

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes*

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? *The mining will beneyit us will stragle to get what we need on cave*

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? *NO because wa no that is a reserations off them to entry.*

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? *I feel unhappy*

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? *NO.*

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: *Bigboy Mabitse*

Date of Birth: *90-12-10*

Age: *24*

Female/Male: *Male*

Race: *Tswana*

Type of spiritual training: *Sangoma*

Preferred Language/First Language: *setswana*

Physical address: *Silverkrans Mebejwe sec 1773*

How long have you lived in this area? *24 years*

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? *Im full time traditional healer*

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes*

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes*

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes*

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *To pray, get traditional medicine and talk with ancestors*

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *same as above*

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *If there is a need to go to the mountain/cave*



Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why?

No, ka gone gakiise ke tlelwe baolo ya gore ke ise mothe beng

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? None

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? yes

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Overnight

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? Yes

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Sangoma, Yes

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? Apostolic Church

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? Both

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? yes, ka gone ke fitlhella dilo dile dintsi tse ke ditlhokang ko beng

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? 6 years (My self)

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? yes

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? yes

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? last year

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? NO

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

Not happy

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? yes

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? Tse ntse ke di fitlhella nka sethale ke difithela

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? No

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? Not happy

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? yes

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: TUBILAKI MODISC

Date of Birth: 15/9/1953

Age: 60

Female/Male:  MALE

Race: BLACK

Type of spiritual training: TRADITIONAL HEALER

Preferred Language/First Language: SETSWANA

Physical address: 10309 SANDFONTEIN

How long have you lived in this area? 1953-2014

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? YES

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO, hasn't had imigidi or inhlombe anywhere else.

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? ✓

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO, only works with traditional healing, not so much ceremonies

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? - to "pahla" .. its for Gods as heard from elders

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? PRAY  
Gods themselves must call you to go to the mountain

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

-how it works is there are some people whose spirits call them to visit mountains & others dont

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? the spirits will tell you to go to the mountain & if you go there (it's like a test) you pass.

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? when the spirit calls you to do so

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? yes, some do

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? they go over the weekend or take two/three days.

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? yes, some mountains have plants where they get these plants. These plants on trees on mountain can't be found on the ground.

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Seagelo Clan? after "pahla", when he goes to a place & sleeps over, he is able to read bones

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?

use to, but no longer does because it doesn't go along with traditional healing

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both?

visit in groups, can't visit alone because you go with an elder → those who taught you

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?

yes, extremely important because the Gods are there

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting

Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

-since the beginning of time, they were born to people visiting mountains

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing

powers? yes, alot

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? yes, they ask the Gods to pahla

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?

You go when there is a need to go, last went ages ago

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?

just heard of it now & surprised to hear this because he knows that people go there

when he was took there by elders

started from Mafikeng then moved here to Madisane

**How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?**

He's not happy about this

**Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Madikwe district has one

**Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

Yes, a lot

**What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?** Their cultural practice to spirit will be destroyed

**Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?** No, because its closed

**How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?**

unhappy

**Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?**

he doesn't know

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Jack Maropeang

Date of Birth: 04/04/1984

Age: 30

Female/Male: male

Race: Tswana

Type of spiritual training: Inyangal/prophet

Preferred Language/First Language: Tswana

Physical address: 847 Thabazimbi Rogogile

How long have you lived in this area? 30 years

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? Yes

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? To pray

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Pray/pray

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? 5 times a year

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *Yes*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *Once a year*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *Yes*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *I belong to Inyangi I learnt that it is important to follow our custom*

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? *Apostolic*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *NO*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? *Yes I find Peace and get healed*

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Last year*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *Yes*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *Last year*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *Yes*

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine? I feel like our culture is being destroyed

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO, Its the nearest place

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? YES

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? NOISE, our ancestors wants a quite place

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? NO

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? I dont want to see any mine in that age/mountain it is an important place for us

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? NO



## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: OSCAR TSHISIKHAWE

Date of Birth: 1985

Age: 29

Female/Male: male

Race: Black

Type of spiritual training: profet

Preferred Language/First Language: English

Physical address: Miritung 663

How long have you lived in this area? 7 year

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? yes

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? it undermine our spiritual

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? yes

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? by preying

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? because of preying

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? 5 times a year

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *Because he/she need to see job.*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *5 times a year*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*yes over the night*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *yes, sand, stone, and water.*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Church*

*yes profets, Bishop*

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? *Apostolic*

*Church Church*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *Church group, my life belong to there*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?

*cause I was praying inside the cave and get that I want.*

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *40 km.*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers?

*yes, if someone sick he or she going to be alright. immediately get alright*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?

*yes*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?

*2007 this year on good friday*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?

*yes*

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

*I feel very bad, cause is our important place*

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*NO. is only noise*

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*This mountain is sensetify.*

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?

*the affect all cave and if going to be no entries*

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?

*yes, this months.*

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?

*I feel very bad*

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?

*NO*

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: EMMANUEE MUSIMANYANA

Date of Birth: 72/06/07

Age: 42

Female/Male: MALE

Race: Black

Type of spiritual training: profite and Traditional Healer

Preferred Language/First Language: English

Physical address: Regorogile House 407

How long have you lived in this area? 18 years

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? yes

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? yes

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? yes

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?  
To pray and ~~use~~ Traditional medicine

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?  
To assist a traditional healer

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?  
TWO TIMES a month

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *Yes, because they need help and other spiritual assistance.*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *twice a month*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Baporofita*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *I stay overnight*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *Yes we do even sand, stones and water*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? *APostolic Church and traditional leaders*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *yes both*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? *Yes I have a power in Gatkop cave and I get help there*

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting

Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *40 kilometres*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *Yes, because I was not working and I went to the mountain and use for me job, after a week I got the job so it is very helpful for all our needs.*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *yes*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *Good Friday 2014*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *yes*

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

*I feel very bad because I don't know where am I going to get help ~~into~~ the mountain is closed*

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *No*

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes.*

*noise is needed here because it disturb our communications with the ancestors*

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? *Apostolic Church.*

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? *I feeling gatkop cave*

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?

*I feel gilda or B.A.*

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? *NU*

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: *Phashe S. Lool*

Date of Birth: *1971.03.31*

Age: *43*

Female/Male: *Male*

Race: *Black*

Type of spiritual training: *Traditional Dolo*

Preferred Language/First Language: *Tswana*

Physical address: *Mereng Village Zegorogile 113*

How long have you lived in this area? *Born in 1971*

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? *NO. I stay in Boschfontein*

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *TO TALK WITH ANCESTORS*

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *TO PRAY*

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *TO HELP PEOPLE*

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *To assist people with kind of disease*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *with a car and believe*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Overnight*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *yes*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Doleby*

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? *THE GENERAL*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *Both*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? *Because we obtain some powers*

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *14 years*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *yes*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *yes*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *2004*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *yes*



How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine? *Not feeling well because of our culture*

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *NO*

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *yes it will affect.*

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? *is going to be bad effects*

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? *yes January*

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? *feel so sad*

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? *NO*

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: **STEMER MALOSHA MAROPENG**

Date of Birth: **1970/August/15**

Age: **42**

Female/Male: **MALE**

Race: **BLACK AFRICAN**

Type of spiritual training: **THO**

Preferred Language/First Language: **TSWANA**

Physical address: **MERITING 172 THABAZIMBI**

How long have you lived in this area? **ALL ALONG**

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? **YES**

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **YES**

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **STEVE SEKOBOANE**

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **YES**

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **I PRAY**

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?  
**(Keya qhalla)**

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

**We get power from Madimatle**

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *Yes! Because they were directed to go there.*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain?

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *YES*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Longer*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *YES*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?  
*CHRISTIAN*

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?  
*CHURCH and Traditional healing*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *Not alone*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? *Yes because when I back I feel myself lucky*  
How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *18 May 2014*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *Yes.*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?

*Yes*  
When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?

*18 May 2014*  
Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *YES*

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

*I'm feel so painful.*

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*Sometimes you get it sometimes  
no. Is only Madimatle*

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*Yes*

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?

*Because many people go there*

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?

*They lock the gate  
we getting the cave by asking permit*

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?

*Totaling we don't want mine at Madimatle.*

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?

*Yes.*

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: *Nicholas Chauke*

Date of Birth: *03 february 1978*

Age: *36*

Female/Male: *MALE*

Race: *Notsongq*

Type of spiritual training: *Traditional training*

Preferred Language/First Language: *Setsongq*

Physical address: *Meriting (Tlabazumbi) 235*

How long have you lived in this area? *8 years.*

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? *yes*

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *YES*

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *No*

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*NO*

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*Quee*

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*by meeting*

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*We get power from Madmatle.*

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *No*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *—*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*Yes*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*No*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients?

*YES.*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*Yes By phatling there*

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?

*I belong to Traditional healers.*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both?

*No.*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?

*YES Because we pray and phatling there*  
How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?  
*—*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers?

*YES*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?

*YES*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?

*24/may/2014*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?

*YES*

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

*Painful*

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*No*

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*YES*

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?

*Because many people go there inside*

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?

*Yes*

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?

*I don't mine being built the total.*

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? *YES.*

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Tebago Digoro Maluleka

Date of Birth: 09/09/1980

Age: 33

Female/Male: male

Race: Tsonga

Type of spiritual training: Prophet

Preferred Language/First Language: Tsonga/Tswang

Physical address: D597 mandela village Hamastkreal

How long have you lived in this area? 15 years

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? Prophet

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? To communicate with my ancestors

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? To pray (phakha)

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? 4 times a year



Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *Yes*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *10 times a year*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *Yes*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Apostolic*  
*He taught me that its where our forefathers are and its where we get everything we want*  
Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? *Apostolic*  
*I am a prophet*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *Both*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? *Yes, its heals me, I relax there and find peace*

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *1 day ago*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *Yes*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *1 day ago*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *Yes*

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine? **I feel as if they are disrespecting our ancestors and our culture**

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **NO, It is the nearest place from where I live**

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **YES**

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? **The ancestors wants peace and tranquility**

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? **Yes, (1-day ago)**

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? **I feel bad and feel like our culture is being destroyed**

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? **NO**

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: *Mary Mpati*

Date of Birth: *1972*

Age: *42*

Female/Male:

Race: *Black*

Type of spiritual training: *THP*

Preferred Language/First Language: *Setswana*

Physical address: *lego Regorogile*

How long have you lived in this area? *9 yrs*

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? *Yes*

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Prayer & Praise*

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Talk to my  
ancestors*

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *ONCE A MONTH*

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *Yes*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *ONCE A MONTH*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *SLEEP THERE*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *Yes*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *PROPHET*

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? *APOSTOLIC CHURCH*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *CHURCH & ALONE*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? *Yes*

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *February*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *Yes*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *February*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *Yes*

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

*Yes Very bad*

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *No*

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? *Disturb our work*

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? *No*

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? *Very bad*

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? *No*

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: John Ndlovu

Date of Birth: 01/01/1957

Age: 57

Female/Male: male

Race: Zulu

Type of spiritual training: Inyanga/ prophet

Preferred Language/First Language: Zulu

Physical address: 9518 unit 5 Tembisa

How long have you lived in this area? more than 20 years

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? Yes

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlobo in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? no

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? its an important place of ancestors

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Phakha

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? 10 times a year

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *Yes*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *10 times*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *Yes*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Imyangga the importance of being there*

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? *Jerusalem*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *Both*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? *Yes, there is life there, there is luck and it gives us all we want*

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yesterday*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *Yes*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *Yes and pray*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *Yesterday*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *Yes*

**How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?**

It affects me badly because I trust the place because its where I speak with my ancestors

**Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Yes, Modimolle

**Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Yes

**What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?** Yes

Our beloved ancestors wants peace so that our communication can run smoothly

**Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?** Yes, yesterday

**How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?** I feel pain because its our way of communicating to our ancestors I dont want them to close it down.

**Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?** NO



## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: *Rapula Mathe*

Date of Birth: *14/07/13*

Age: *47*

Female/Male: *male*

Race: *African*

Type of spiritual training: *postole*

Preferred Language/First Language: *setswana*

Physical address: *morikang 371*

How long have you lived in this area? *8 year*

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? *prof<sup>ms</sup> Laporo Fat*

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes.*

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *NO*

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *It has spiritual powers. It has lots of healing powers.*

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*Pray*

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*3 times a year*

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? *Yes, we go there to ask power (healing powers) and help about what we need in the future*

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? *3 times a year*

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes I do stay overnight*

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? *Yes we do even sand, <sup>stones</sup> and water*

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *baporofita*  
*Yes my bishop taught me a lot about the mountain*

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?  
*I belong to a church*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with your church group or both? *with church group*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? *Yes, because our belongs there.*

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *40 years*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *Yes, if u go there sick and pray immediately u get cured or fine*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?  
*Yes*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?  
*last month (the 18<sup>th</sup> of march).*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?  
*Yes*

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine? **I**

*Feel very bad to because there is no mountain that have healing powers like madimatle*

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **NO**, it only ~~in Gatkop~~ Gatkop cave and madimatle mountain

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **Yes**  
*this mountain is very sensitive.*

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? *The mine will affect the mine will affect all the caves that are there and no one is going to be allowed to go there*

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? **Yes**  
*last month ~~18~~ on the 18 of march*

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? **I do feel very very bad**

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? **NO**

## Questionnaire

**Name and Surname:** Edwin Kalahleha Kgoale.

**Date of Birth:** 25/2/70.

**Age:** 44 years

**Female/Male:** male

**Race:** African

**Type of spiritual training:** Phrophet.

**Preferred Language/First Language:** Northern Sotho.

**Physical address:** Rooiberg.

**How long have you lived in this area?** 8 years

**Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do?** Yes.

**Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Yes

**Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Yes

**Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Yes.

**Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** I get power from the ancestors there.

**What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** I give snyf to ancestors & traditional beer

**How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** about 1-2 times a month

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? Yes

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? once a month

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes, I know many.

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes, very often.

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? Yes I do, we use ~~the~~ plants + water in Gatkop cave for cleaning & medicine.

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Northern Sotho  
Yes - they taught me the process for entering the cave & obtaining power

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? Yes, old Apostle Church

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with your church group or both? Both & with customers

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? Very important because my ancestors live there - my source of luck is from there

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? many generations - cannot even count how far back.

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? Yes

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? Yes.

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? a month ago

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? Yes - by word of mouth from other sangomas

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine? *Very bad.*

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *NO*

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion? *It will affect my ability my ability to practice my religion as I cannot get a more powerful source of power from somewhere else.*

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? *Yes; last of last month*

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? *Not happy*

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? *NO but if mining continues there - people from the mine working there will get injured and die. Traditional Healers will pray for the ancestors to protect Madimatle.*

*NR EKKejale.*

## Questionnaire

**Name and Surname:** Alpha Manoh Motshaping

**Date of Birth:** 1962

**Age:** 52

**Female/Male:** Female

**Race:** Tswana

**Preferred Language/First Language:** Tswana

**Physical address:** Madimatle village

**How long have you lived in this area?** 2004

**Are you currently employed?** Yes

**Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Yes

**Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** To pray

**What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Pray

**How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** 10 years ago

**Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?** Yes, I go there to speak to my ancestors

**How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** 10 years ago

**Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers?** Yes

**Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?** Yes

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? 10 years back

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? Yes

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine? I don't want to believe I want to continue practising my traditional ways

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? no

Which church group or other religious group do you belong to? New Church

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? Both

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? no

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? I don't want to see any mine here

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? no



## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: *Agap Johannes Maropeng*

Date of Birth: *1945/06/29*

Age: *69*

Female/Male: *male*

Race: *African*

Preferred Language/First Language: *Setswana*

Physical address: *Mounting Meriling 372*

How long have you lived in this area? *51 years*

Are you currently employed? *Pursido*

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *NO*

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? *Yes*

*Because it undermines our spiritual activity*

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *Yes*

*Because if there are things you need to go there to ask then you will receive what you want*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?

**When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?**

**Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?** *Yes*

**How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?**

*I feel very bad or uncertain because if they close Madimatle where are we going to communicate with our ancestors*

**Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** *NO*

**Which church group or other religious group do you belong to?**

*Postole*

**Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both?**

**Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?** *NO*

**How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?** *we don't want any mine on the mountain*

**Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?** *NO*

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Lesnole Mosupje

Date of Birth: 1973 June 21

Age: 41

Female/Male: male

Race: African

Preferred Language/First Language: Tswana

Physical address: Thabazimbi

How long have you lived in this area? 12 years

Are you currently employed? Transnet

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I visited  
some mountains but not this one.

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?  
To talk with the gods, for prayer

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?  
I've heard about it.

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?  
It's very important for the people who go there.

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting  
Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I heard about it, seen  
it but not visited it.

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing  
powers? I have faith in the mountain, I believe that  
people get help there.

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?

**When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?**

**Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?** Yes, I've heard about it.

**How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?**

It's a spiritual place & the mine people don't understand the rituals of the place.

**Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

I know of warmbath mountains were similar rituals take place • Modimobille mountain.

**Which church group or other religious group do you belong to?**

Zion Christian Church.

**Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both?**

**Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?**

**How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?** They will be

killing our culture, belief and our younger people will not learn about this ancestral place.

**Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?** No!

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: *Stephina Mokoedi*

Date of Birth: *1940 May 8*

Age: *74*

Female/Male: *Female*

Race: *African*

Preferred Language/First Language: *Tswana*

Physical address: *Inhabazimbi near Madimatle*

How long have you lived in this area? *30+*

Are you currently employed? *Pension*

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *There are many people who visit the site but I have not went there.*

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *The mountain has water, hence we receive water there.*

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

*People get help & receive blessings at the mountain. I've heard about it but never visited.*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *I've seen people get healed by the mountain. It possesses mystical powers.*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?

**When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?**

NO,

**Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?** I've heard that it was going to be closed.

**How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?**

**Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** NO,

**Which church group or other religious group do you belong to?**

Dutch reform church

**Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both?** NO,

**Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?** NO.

**How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?**

These mines will be disturbing the elders.

**Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?** Not yet, but they can be

challenges after closure of the mountain. Because they will be forced entry.

## Questionnaire

**Name and Surname:** Moenyane Thape

**Date of Birth:** 1942 May 05

**Age:**

**Female/Male:** FEMALE

**Race:** African

**Preferred Language/First Language:** Tswana

**Physical address:** 0467 Leratong, Phokeng

**How long have you lived in this area?** 30+

**Are you currently employed?** Pensioner

**Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Yes, with my siblings and parents.

**Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Ancestral Purposes and ask blessings from them

**What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** We go there to perform ancestral duties.

**How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** We've heard about the mountains from the elders.

**Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?**

It's very important, this is where we ask from the ancestors. Our elderly family members passed on & were buried there.

**How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting**

**Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** My Parents died here & have visited the site and other family relative.

**Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers?** Yes, every kind of illness can be healed. Some people are called by the ancestors for spiritual purposes.

**Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?**

When I was younger, our parents used to come to Pahla at the mountain

**When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?**

I visited the place when I was younger with my Parents.

**Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?**

NO, It's the first time I hear about it.

**How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?**

The mountains and caves are significant and we should only get permission for the ancestors and not anyone else.

**Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or**

**meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle**

**mountain?** There is one cave at Maile at Phokheng. Similar ritual performances take place.

**Which church group or other religious group do you belong to?**

A Church at Phokheng Christian Church.

**Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church**

**group or both?** When we were young our parents took us to ask from the gods [Go Kopa]

**Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has**

**been closed off by the mine? If so, when?** Yes, but it was fenced and it hinders our entry to visit the graves

**How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?**

It will destroy our ancestral place, They have fenced it, we can't see or visit the graves of our parents.

**Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle**

**mountain/restriction on entry?** Yes, some people force entry

and it might result to their lives endangered



## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: **LEGOOI TRYPHINA**

Date of Birth: **1972-07-15**

Age: **42**

Female/Male:

Race: **AFRICAN**

Type of spiritual training:

**TRADITIONAL HEALER**

Preferred Language/First Language:

**NORTH SOTHO**

Physical address:

**VILLA ROMI  
PRETORIA - NORTH**

How long have you lived in this area?

**I DON'T LIVE IN THIS AREA.**

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do?

**YES I AM.**

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **YES**

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? **MANY**

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

**YES, MANY TIMES**

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

**PRAYERS, RITUALS**

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

**THREE TIMES IN A MONTH**

Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? For spiritual purpose and healing

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? ANY Time.

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? we stay even two weeks

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? Yes.

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

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Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name? ZCC; APOSTOL and METHODIST CHURCH.

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? Yes

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?

Very important we do our cultural believes in the cave; communicate with our ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? crossed over

Yes

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? Yes they do mountain has healing powers

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? YES I DO.

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? From the I have been here for a week.

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? The or board written there, we overlook it.

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

NO it disturbs the ancestors

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

I believe in the mountains that is why I come here every after two weeks. Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?

The noise and restrictions

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?

Do my rituals. Yes to

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?

No! No! NO! NO!!

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?

Not yet

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Elisa Motlhoki

Date of Birth: 1944

Age:

Female/Male: male

Race: African

Preferred Language/First Language: Tswana

Physical address: Tlhaba Roolberg

How long have you lived in this area? 5+

Are you currently employed? Pensioner

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes, I've visited the two sites.

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? When we are troubled we go there to ask from the gods E go phahla.

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? We speak with the gods, we pray, go phasa, one has to follow the procedures.

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? We are called there is no times or days.

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?

They are; because it's our lives, the gods reside there, we cannot live without the mountains.

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting

Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? It's been generations, I first visited with my parents. And now I go there alone.

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? So many people from different areas go there. They are healed spiritual and physical.

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? I've seen people who went there to go and pahla.

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *It's been two months for rituals go kopa, go bua, go phala,*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *Yes, the whites complain about the sacrifices animal remains, traditional beer & it is left behind. That's the reason why they want the closure.*

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

*They should allow someone who can guard the place. There are procedures and rules which should be followed.*

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *I've only heard of other mountains but I have not visited it.*

Which church group or other religious group do you belong to?

*Anglican Church.*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *I go alone or with the church members.*

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? *We have visited the site despite been closed.*

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? *It's wrong, and upsets me because two gods will be angry.*

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? *There is nothing bad I've heard of or know so far.*

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Francinah Mokoane

Date of Birth: 02/10/1956

Age: 57

Female/Male: Female

Race: Tswana

Preferred Language/First Language: Tswana

Physical address: 404 Sec 3 Surman Hanastraad

How long have you lived in this area? more than 5 years

Are you currently employed? Yes

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Never been there  
of

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Pray, phahla

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? never

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? Yes, because  
I believe in ancestors and I am a cultural person

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting  
Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? never

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing  
powers? Yes

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? NO

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *never*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *Yes*

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine? *I think it is a disrespect to us and our cultures as we would like our children to know and respect culture*  
Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *NO*

Which church group or other religious group do you belong to? *Presbyterian*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *NO*

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? *NO*

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? *They are going to destroy our culture because that is where we connect with our ancestors*

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? *NO, I am not sure*

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: <sup>is</sup> ~~man~~<sup>a</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>1</sup> manaiwa

Date of Birth: 07/01/1967

Age: 47

Female/Male: Female

Race: Tswana

Preferred Language/First Language: Tswana

Physical address: 1846<sup>n</sup> Mathubestad

How long have you lived in this area? 24 years

Are you currently employed? NO

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? NO

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I have never been there but from what I hear is that it is very important for our culture  
What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? (pahlā) pray

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Never been there

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? Yes because you can go there ask ask for blessings

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Never been there

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? YES

Do you "pahlā" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? yes and pray



When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *never been there*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *Yes*

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine? *I feel bad because it will be disrespect to our ancestors*

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *NO*

Which church group or other religious group do you belong to? *Apostolic church*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *NO, I have never went there*

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? *NO*

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? *I am angry because it will be a sign of breaking down our culture and believes*

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? *NO, I have no idea*

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Modise David Mmelane

Date of Birth: 17 May 1976

Age: 38

Female/Male: Male

Race: Black

Preferred Language/First Language: Setswana

Physical address: 342 Meriteng, Thebazumbi

How long have you lived in this area? 13 years

Are you currently employed? Self-employed. I am a painter and a tiler.

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I have not been. However, I plan to go with my church group soon, i.e. September 2014.

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I want to go and pray for strength. We also need to baptise our fellow church members as well.

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I plan to pray for peace, strength and good fortune.

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? N/A

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? Yes, because the God of Gods is at the mountain and our rituals are performed at the caves.

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I am the first family member to go there, however, the senior Archbishops from my church often go.

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? Yes

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? Yes, I would if I went.

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? N/A

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? Yes

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

I feel terrible because my hope comes from an ability to go to the mountain and have access to caves.  
Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No

Which church group or other religious group do you belong to? Apostolic Church

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? Our church members go in groups.

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? No, I intend to go.

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? I do not agree as ancestors require peace and quiet.

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? No, however it has been said that even the mining activities will be negatively affected ~~is~~ such as mass mine deaths, and accidents.

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Lazarus Mfisa

Date of Birth: 25 June 1974

Age: 40

Female/Male: Male

Race: Black

Preferred Language/First Language: Tswana

Physical address: Regorogile Ext 5, Thabazimbi

How long have you lived in this area? 40 years

Are you currently employed? Yes, I work for the Thabazimbi Municipality

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I have only visited the Gatkop cave

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I go there to pray for health, to be protected from evil. It is a place where our ancestors are gathered.

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I normally take water and my holy tea, pray, meditate, and communicate with our ancestors.

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I have been around more than 10 times.

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?

Yes. We are able to meet with our ancestors. It is a sacred holy place. It is my beliefs + right to religion.

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? My ancestors are based there and have been there time immemorial. Since the beginning of time.

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? Yes

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? Yes

**When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?**

*I was last at the caves around September/October 2013.*

**Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?**

*Yes I have,*

**How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?**

*I feel shattered, depressed and hopeless. If I could and had the ability, I would plead with government to stop the mining.*

**Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?**

*No*

**Which church group or other religious group do you belong to?** *Zion Christian Church.*

**Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both?** *I go there alone.*

**Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?** *Sept October 2013.*

**How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?** *I understand that mining may bring jobs, however, without our spirituality, our culture and the ability to worship and meditate, we are doomed.*

**Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?** *Not that I know of.*

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Gaebepe Monageng

Date of Birth: 12/12/1938

Age:

Female/Male: Male

Race: Black

Preferred Language/First Language: Setswana

Physical address: 1575 Nkosi Street, Tlhabane

How long have you lived in this area? Since 1962

Are you currently employed? Pensioner

(24 May 2014)

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No, but today is my first time at Madimatle.

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I am accompanying my family members as they were told by ancestors to find the graves of our great-grandparents and to communicate with them.

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

I intend to pray and communicate, to seek strength and answers from my ancestors.

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

It is my first time here. I think I will return more often.

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?

Yes, it is where we gain strength and fortune.

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting

Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? My ancestors lived here and were laid to rest here. It is our ancestors' place of birth.

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? Yes

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? No

**When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?**

It is my first time in the area, I intend going to the mountains.

**Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?**

I heard today (24 May 2014)

**How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?**

I don't like that. I am deeply affected that our culture is under siege.  
**Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** No

**Which church group or other religious group do you belong to?**

Dutch Reformed Church

**Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both?** N/A

**Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?** No

**How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?**

I am pained by it. It is a denial to practise our culture.  
**Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?** N/A

## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: Hendrick Manaiwa

Date of Birth: 18 October 1963

Age: 50

Female/Male: Male

Race: Black

Type of spiritual training: Traditional Doctor

Preferred Language/First Language: Setswana

Physical address: 1980, Ramogoga Section, Muthibestadi,  
Hamanskraal

How long have you lived in this area? 50 years

Are you a full time traditional healer? If not, what do you do? Full-time  
healer but employed also as a messenger.

Have you ever had imigidi or inhlombe in the Gatkop cave and Madimatle  
mountain? No

Is there anyone you know who was initiated at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle  
mountain? No

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? Yes I have

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? It is a place of  
meditation, I cry to my ancestors about my needs and  
dreams.

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

I pray, I "phahla" and light a candle

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I have  
been 3 times.



Do you take people/patients to Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? If so, why? No. I have not seen a sign from the ancestors to take anyone.

How often do you take people/patients to Gatkop Cave and Madimatle mountain? I have not as yet taken anyone there.

Do you know if amathwasa and oGobela from all the spirituality clans (Banguni, Ndzawu, sotho, baporofita, xhosa, ngomanhloko, tswana) visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I know of Baba Khumalo, who is a healer in Hammanskraal. He brought me to Madimatle.

Do you ever stay overnight or longer in order to meditate and talk to the ancestors at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I spend a night when I go there.

Do you use plants on Madimatle mountain to make traditional medicine to heal your patients? No

Which spirituality clan do you belong to and is there any history that you were taught by your Gobela about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? I am Mhukwaduba.

Do you belong to a church or another religious group, what is the name?

Yes; St Peter's Apostolic Church.

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? I visit alone.

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? Yes, once I am from there, I see changes in my life and my prayers are answered.

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? My great-grandmother was born here and she lived here. I was told while growing up about the importance of Madimatle.

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? Yes

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? Yes, I pray as well.

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?

I last visited in 2012 September. I am here again on 24 May 2014

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?

I only heard on 24 May 2014

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

We have I feel shattered. This is our seat of culture and spirituality. We have a right to use our natural environments. This is our land.

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No, I only know of Madimatle.

Will noise and dust caused by the mine affect the rituals and communication with the spirits (ancestors), at Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?

The noise will make it impossible to communicate. The ancestors might think that I am causing the noise for them. They will be angered.

What effects will mining on Madimatle mountain have on your cultural practices and religion?

My right of culture and religion would be undermined. It would mean I am not respected.

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? No

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? My spirit is dead.

I am horrified. They undermine my great-grandparents.

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?

My faith, my spirits are low. My ancestors died here. Ever since I heard of the closure and the intended mining activities, I feel shattered in my soul.

## Questionnaire

**Name and Surname:** Tatane Makhubela.

**Date of Birth:** 1972/02/03

**Age:** 43 years

**Female/Male:** male

**Race:** African

**Preferred Language/First Language:** Tshanga.

**Physical address:** #lamanskraal.

**How long have you lived in this area?** 30 years

**Are you currently employed?** ~~no~~ yes I am self employed.

**Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** yes

**Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Pray

**What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Pray.

**How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** every month

**Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?** yes - because when I have problem, I go to Madimatle to pray for help.

**How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** 22 years. I have been coming to Madimatle

**Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers?** yes

**Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?** NO

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? 19 May 2014

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? No.

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine? Very sad

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? No.

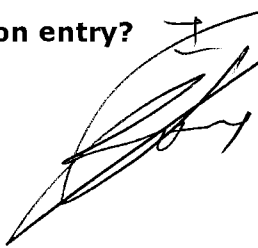
Which church group or other religious group do you belong to? Yes, Apostolic Church

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with your church group or both? Both

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? Yes - 19 May 2014.

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? Very bad.

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? I have heard of people dying



## Questionnaire

**Name and Surname:** Jonathon Ncumani

**Date of Birth:** 7 July 1969

**Age:** 44

**Female/Male:** male

**Race:** African

**Preferred Language/First Language:** Xhosa

**Physical address:** 2181 Extensior 5, Thabazimbi

**How long have you lived in this area?** 4 years

**Are you currently employed?** YES (forklift driver)

**Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** No but I know people that visit there

**Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** I know of people that visit there because their ancestors are there

**What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** Pray

**How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** People go there often

**Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why?** Yes.  
If you pray there, your prayers will be accepted.

**How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** I know that people have been going for many generations. I personally know my family has been going for past 10 years

**Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers?** Yes

**Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?** I know people do this at the cave. People do a lot of different things there, not only pahla - lots of other different rituals

**When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain?** ~~It~~ haven't visited personally, but I know people that visit there

**Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry?** yes, but only recently

**How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?**

Not happy, Madimatle is very important to me & many other people

**Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain?** NO

**Which church group or other religious group do you belong to?** YES -  
12 Apostle of Christ Church.

**Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both?** I know that traditional healers visit there, church people & normal people go there too

**Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when?** NO

**How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain?** I understand that people might get money from the mine but they must mine somewhere else but not on Madimatle Mountain

**Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry?** NO



## Questionnaire

Name and Surname: *Melino Swaf*

Date of Birth: *1958*

Age: *58*

Female/Male:

Race: *Black*

Preferred Language/First Language: *Sepedi*

Physical address: *Legorsgile- No 266*

How long have you lived in this area? *Since i was born*

Are you currently employed? *No*

Have you ever visited the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

Why do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *ukuphala*

What do you do at the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *Talk to my  
ancestors*

How often do you visit the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *once a month*

Is the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain important to you? Why? *Yes*

How far back have you and your family members and ancestors been visiting Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *more than 10 yrs now*

Do you believe that Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain have special healing powers? *Yes*

Do you "pahla" at Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *Yes*

When last have you visited the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain? *February*

Have you heard of its closure/restriction on entry? *Yes*

How do you feel about the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain being closed/and that nobody is allowed to enter without permission from the mine?

*Its so sad*

Is there an alternative place of worship that has the same importance and/or meaning that you can visit instead of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain? *No*

Which church group or other religious group do you belong to? *TIO*

Do you visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain alone or with you church group or both? *BOTH*

Have you tried to visit the Gatkop cave or Madimatle mountain ever since it has been closed off by the mine? If so, when? *No*

How do you feel about the mine being built on the mountain? *Its a bad idea*

Has anything bad happened since the closure of the Gatkop cave and Madimatle mountain/restriction on entry? *Unable to perform our rituals*