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Ref: Rifleman Maritz, Ndumo

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SAHRA

To whom it may concern.

RE: Exhumation of the grave of Rifleman Maritz

Introduction

Heritage Contracts and Archaeological Consulting CC (HCAC) was contacted by MDH Construction Joint Venture to assist with the relocation of the grave of Rifleman Maritz, located on the school grounds of St. Philips Primary School in Ndumo,. Ndumo is situated in Northern Natal. The request for the relocation of the grave is based on cultural reasons from St. Phillips Primary School.

Background to Rifleman Maritz

The Common Wealth War Graves Commission indicated that Rifleman Maritz passed away from Black Water Fever on 20 April 1919. The only next of kin listed was his mother, based in Wellington and therefore no direct living relatives was identified or are expected to come forward through the social process. As the grave has been nominated as a Common Wealth War Grave and there no direct family has been identified the common wealth war graves commission indicated their interest in this process.

Location of the grave

The grave is located at S26 55 24.9 E32 15 27.7. The site is located on Portion 1 of the Farm Ndumo, Number 9714 within the Josini Municipality.

Reburial of remains

Based on feedback from registered and interested and affected parties the disinterred remains is proposed to be reburied in the following cemetery as requested by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission:

- Wyatt Road Military Cemetery in Durban.

Undertakers

The reburial of the remains will be done by African Grave Relocation Consultants.

Please find herewith the application permit for the exhumation permit with supporting documentation. Anton Pelsers will act as P.I for the exhumation.

Would you be so kind as to acknowledge receipt of the permit application and provide an indication of the length of the permit process?

Any further queries can be forwarded to Jaco van der Walt on Cell: +27 82 373 8491 or to jaco.heritage@gmail.com

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jaco van der Walt'.

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