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DECLARATION SUBMISSION

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SAHRIS SITE CATEGORY: Burial Grounds and Graves

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ITEM: Proposal for National Heritage Site Declaration: The grave of Chief Tyali of Imingcangathelo Chiefdom; Wouburn Farm, Alice, Eastern Cape

A1. BACKGROUND

- A1.1. Chief Tyali, the son of King Ngqika of the Rharhabe Kingdom, resisted against the colonization of the Eastern Cape and distinguished himself during the 1836 Frontier Wars
- A1.2. Evidence emerged during the University of Fort Hare's (UFH) centenary that land on which the UFH and Lovedale Collage were built, was donated by Chief Tyali, to Scottish missionaries for the education of African. While both Lovedale UFH had become leading institutions of learning the legacy of their benefactor had been forgotten.
- A1.3. The granting of land by Chief Tyali for the purpose of establishing a place of learning for Africans as early as the 1800s was unprecedented on the sub-continent. During this period South Africa was still in the throes of colonial expansion and land dispossession. For instance, the Sixth Frontier War which took place between 1834 and 1835, disposed people of their land leading to overcrowding in the Cape Colony's eastern frontier. Thereafter, the British increasingly embarked on a process of asserting their authority by annexing parts of the Eastern Cape
- A1.4. Therefore, Chief Tyali's granting of land to Scottish missionaries came between wars whose primary purpose was land dispossession. Given the prevailing circumstances, this would have been unpopular with many African chiefs at the time. Yet it is precisely this going against the grain that made Chief Tyali a visionary leader. In addition to education,

part of the reasoning in granting the land was an attempt to gain knowledge into the workings of the colonial system.

- A1.5. The establishment of Lovedale and later University of Fort Hare on land granted by Chief Tyali in turn produced some of South Africa's and Africa's leading stalwarts in the struggle against colonial rule and apartheid. Therefore, the legacy of Chief Tyali and the history of these two institutions and their contribution to South Africa are intertwined.
- A1.6. The contribution by Chief Tyali is inextricably tied to the present. UFH established on land donated by Tyali was instrumental in forging a new sense of African identity opposed to white minority rule. While both colonialism and apartheid have collapsed, the UFH continues to provide education to thousands of students from South Africa and elsewhere in Africa. Lovedale College campus in Alice also continues to provide education for numerous students
- A1.7. As the site, located in the Tyume Valley near Alice in the Eastern Cape, is a grave of a traditional leader, SAHRA undertook the process of rehabilitating the grave culminating in the unveiling on 16th September 2016
- A1.8. The grave of Chief Tyali was identified as a tangible representation of the contribution he has made to the education of Africans and great African leaders through his own insightful and visionary leadership. The site was graded by Council on 29 March 2018 as a Grade 1 site. The declaration of the site will form part of the University of Fort Hare's serial declaration.

A2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- A2.1 Chief Tyali and his unprecedented forward thinking are inextricably linked to the history of University of Fort Hare and Lovedale College. These two institutions in turn are closely linked to the education history of South Africa and the liberation of southern African sub region.
- A2.2. The site is located off the R345 road to Hogsback in the Tyume Valley near Alice in the Eastern Cape. The land on which the site occurs is under the custodianship of the Imingcangathelo Traditional Authority. The traditional authority and family are in support of the declaration.
- A2.3. Notification letters to relevant parties and government departments that were involved in the rehabilitation project on 14th May 2018. The public notification period has not yet concluded and so far, an email in support the declaration has been received from University of Fort Hare.
- A2.4. As the grave was only recently discovered, there is no formal management of the site. SAHRA is in the process of drafting a heritage agreement to formulate a management system between the Nkonkobe Municipality and Traditional Authority.

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1. PURPOSE OF THE SUBMISSION

- 1.1. The submission is made to discuss and recommend the declaration of the grave of Chief Tyali on Portion 1 of Berg Place; Victoria East; Eastern Cape.

2. LANDOWNER'S DETAILS AND ATTITUDE TOWARDS DECLARATION

- 2.1. The site is located on land that is under the custodianship of the Imingcangathelo Traditional Authority, who are in support of the declaration.

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3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND NOTIFICATION

- 3.1. Letters of notification were sent on 14th May 2018 to the following interested and affected parties:

Eastern Cape Department of Sports, Arts and Culture
 Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Authority
 Eastern Cape Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
 University of Fort Hare
 National Department of Public Works – Port Elizabeth Region
 Nkonkobe Local Municipality
 Amathole District Municipality
 Department of Arts and Culture

- 3.2. To date SAHRA has received a response from the University of Fort Hare in support of the declaration and the traditional authority acknowledging receipt of the letter.

- 3.3. The notification period will conclude on 13th July 2018. As all parties were involved in the rehabilitation of the grave, there are no foreseen objections to the declaration of the site.

4. OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF THE RESOURCE (AS PER THE TITLE DEEDS)

- 4.1. The grave is located outside a formal cemetery in the Tyume Valley in the Wouborn area near Alice in the Eastern Cape, about 150m off the R345 road to Hogsback on Portion 1 of Berg Place 100 Victoria East.

5. DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA TO BE DECLARED (SITE BOUNDARIES)

Site Name	Erf No / Farm	Province	Nearest Town	Municipality		Survey Diagram	Deed
				Local	District		
Grave site of Chief Tyali	Portion 1 of Berg Place	Eastern Cape	Woburn near Alice	Nkonkobe Local Municipality	Amatole District Municipality	8371/1967	DT24912/68

	Latitude	Longitude
Central Point	32°41'28.4532"S	26°53'23.8776"E

6. CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT OF THE RESOURCE

- 6.1. Currently there is no official institution managing the site as the grave was only recently discovered.
- 6.2. SAHRA is in the process of drafting a heritage agreement between the Nkonkobe Local Municipality and the Imingcangathelo Traditional Authority for the management of the site. First draft has been drafted and sent for comments.

7. RESOURCE UTILISATION

- 7.1. Currently the site is used as a memorial site. In addition to the rehabilitated headstone erected by SAHRA, there is an interpretive plaque on Chief Tyali's contribution.
- 7.2. There are further plans to improve the site, including translating the plaque into isiXhosa, paving around the site. An interpretive centre regarding the heritage of the area and that of the Imingcangathelo Chiefdom is also planned but may not be at the site.

8. RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1. It is recommended that the declaration of the grave of Chief Tyali is approved

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