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**DRAFT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR  
THE PROPOSED EXHUMATION AND RELOCATION  
OF GRAVES IN EMBOBENI VILLAGE WITHIN  
WINNIE MADIKIZELA-MANDELA (FORMERLY  
KNOWN BIZANA) LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OF  
DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, EASTERN CAPE  
PROVINCE**

## 1. Introduction

This report serves to provide information on the proceedings of consultation with affected families regarding the exhumation and relocation of graves in the servitude of the Eskom Eros Vuyani Neptune 400Kv Eskom Transmission Power Line within Winnie Madikizela-Mandela (formerly known Bizana) Local Municipality of Alfred Ndzo District Municipality in the Eastern Cape Province. The remaining identified ancestral graves are located in the village of Embobeni Section H (see Figure 1). As per the relevant legislation, the intend to update on consultation and engagement activities with the affected and interested parties. Communication is significant as it allows the affected parties to put forward their concerns and requirements. This report provides a detailed account of the Public Participation Process (PPP) and will outline the way forward for the process.

The aim of this report is three-fold:

- To provide a description of the PPP conducted; and
- To outline the way forward.

## 2. Legal Requirements

*As per Section 36 (3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Public Participation (PP) process as guided by the Public Participation guidelines must be undertaken before Section 36 (3) permit is applied. In addition, the following legislation also guided the process:*

- Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (Act No. 108 of 1996); and*
- Promotion of Access to Information Act (Act No. 2 of 2000) which recognises that everyone has the constitutional right to access any information held by the state and by another person when that information is required to exercise or protect any rights.*

## 3. Overview of Consultation Process

Role players and their duties in Public Participation

### **The Proponent:**

- Provide adequate information to the City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality , the consultant and to I&APs
- Adopt an open and transparent attitude during the interaction with I&APs
- Understand that the consultant acts independently and objectively in order to improve communication between I&APs and the Proponent
- Have empathy and patience with I&APs who do not possess the relevant background knowledge
- Avoid raising unrealistic expectations

### **I&APs:**

- Register as an I&AP and advise the consultant about other I&APs who should be consulted
- Engage according to the agreed procedures and time frames
- Representatives of landowners and other organizations must ensure that their views are of their members and not their own
  - Avoid making unrealistic demands and provide appropriate information
  - Assist in identifying and prioritizing issues that need to be investigated and verify that issues have been recorded and considered



### **The Consultant Team:**

- Communicate with all I&APs in order to provide them with information to enable them to participate in a meaningful way
- Organize all the required PPP activities
- Record and process the inputs, comments and issues received from I&APs
- Ensure that I&APs inputs are integrated into the reports which are communicated to City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality
- Avoid raising unrealistic expectations and undue fears

### **City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality:**

- Ensure that the requirements for decision-making do not limit the rights of stakeholders to engage adequately in the process
  - Allow adequate time for stakeholder engagement
  - Provide a decision on the application
  - Allow for stakeholders to appeal against the decision

#### 4. Summary of the Public Participation Process

The table below summarises the products and services provided by the heritage team for this proposal. This information relates to activities undertaken to notify and consult with the Interested and Affected Parties. It must be noted that consultation began in 2016 (See public participation report attached as compiled by Envirolution Consulting (Pty) Ltd).

Date	Activity	Participants
05/04/2022-06/04/2022	Stakeholder Meeting	Stakeholders Meeting
11/04/2022-12/04/2022		
11/04/2022	Placed posters	Archaeologist
11/04/2022-12/04/2022	Handing out of BID	Archaeologist
23/04/2022-25/04/2022	Newspaper Advert (Mthatha Express & Daily Sun)	Public

#### 5. Methodology Adopted

To create awareness use was made of site notices and interaction with the Chief, Headmen and other known affected parties within Embobeni area. The Chief also helped the team to establish the preferred consultation process in the area.

##### 5.1 Site Notices

The advertisement was enlarged into A3 size posters that were placed at strategic points in the surrounding area, mainly at the Clinic, Library, Community halls, Schools, Municipality offices, Shops and at property fences where community members could easily see them. A total of 20 site notices were placed (See Figure 2 - 3).

##### 5.2 Distributing BID

In addition to the site notices, BID were distributed in the surrounding areas. All the houses in the nearby area were given a BID. It must be indicated that in some houses there was no one, and we had to leave the document by the home postal or at the gate.

##### 5.3 Newspaper adverts

Advertisements regarding the planned process for relocating graves will be published in the local newspaper once the chief gives permission. Two newspapers will be approached, the Mthatha Express and Daily Sun Newspaper (See Figure 4 - 5).

#### 6. Recommendations

Based on the above information it is recommended that:

- Communication with I&APs, especially the communities in the vicinity of the Eros Neptune 400kV powerline project, should continue to ensure that graves are managed accordingly; and
- On-going efforts to contact families previously residing in the area and who could have buried relatives.

# APPENDIX 1: SITE NOTICES

## NOTICE: PROPOSED RELOCATION OF HUMAN REMAINS AT EROBENI VILLAGE WITHIN WINNIE MADIKIZELA-MANDELA (FORMERLY MBIZANA) LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALFRED NZO DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE.

Notice is given in terms of Section 36 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999); and Regulations relating to the management of human remains as set-out by the National Health Act, 2003 (Act 61 of 2003) as well as the relevant local regulations to the: Provincial Administration of the province in which the graves are located; the South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA) or their legislated provincial agency and the relevant local municipality for approval to exhume and re-inter the graves

The remains are currently buried within the servitude of Eros Neptune 400kV powerline and will be exhumed from their current place of burial and reburied in the Municipal Cemetery or at a new location as per request of the deceased's families.

To be registered/identified as the interested/affected parties, including all persons and communities descendent from the buried individuals, all persons or communities concerned or who have interests with the graves can submit written comments/ objections to the Heritage Assessment Practitioner mentioned below **within 60 days of the date of publication of this notice.**

### Heritage Assessment Practitioner

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## IZAZISO: UKUFUDUSWA OKUCETYWAYO KWAMATHAMBO ABANTU E- EROBENI VILLAGE NGAPHAKATHI KWINDULI YE WINNIE MADIKIZELA-MANDELA (MBIZANA) WE MASIPALA WESITHILI SE ALFRED NZO, KWI PHONDO LENTSHONA KOLONI.

Isaziso sinikezelwe ngokwesigqibo samaCandelo 36 oMthetho weziBonelelo zeLifa leMveli leSizwe (Umthetho 25 ka 1999); kunye neMimiselo enxulumene nolawulo lwamathambo abantu njengoko kuthiwe thaca nguMthetho wezeMpilo weSizwe, 2003 (Umthetho 61 ka 2003) nakwi mimiselo yasekuhlaleni ephathelele ku: Lawulo lwePhondo kwi phondo apho kubekwe khona amangcwaba; i-Arhente yeziBonelelo zeLifa leMveli yoMzantsi Afrika (SAHRA) okanye i-arhente yabo yowiso-mthetho kunye nomasipala wasekuhlaleni onxulumene nemvume yokugrumba kunye nokungcwaba isidumbu kwakhona kwindawo yamangcwaba asekuhlaleni okanye kwindawo entsha ngokwe sicelo seentsapho zabangasekhoyo.

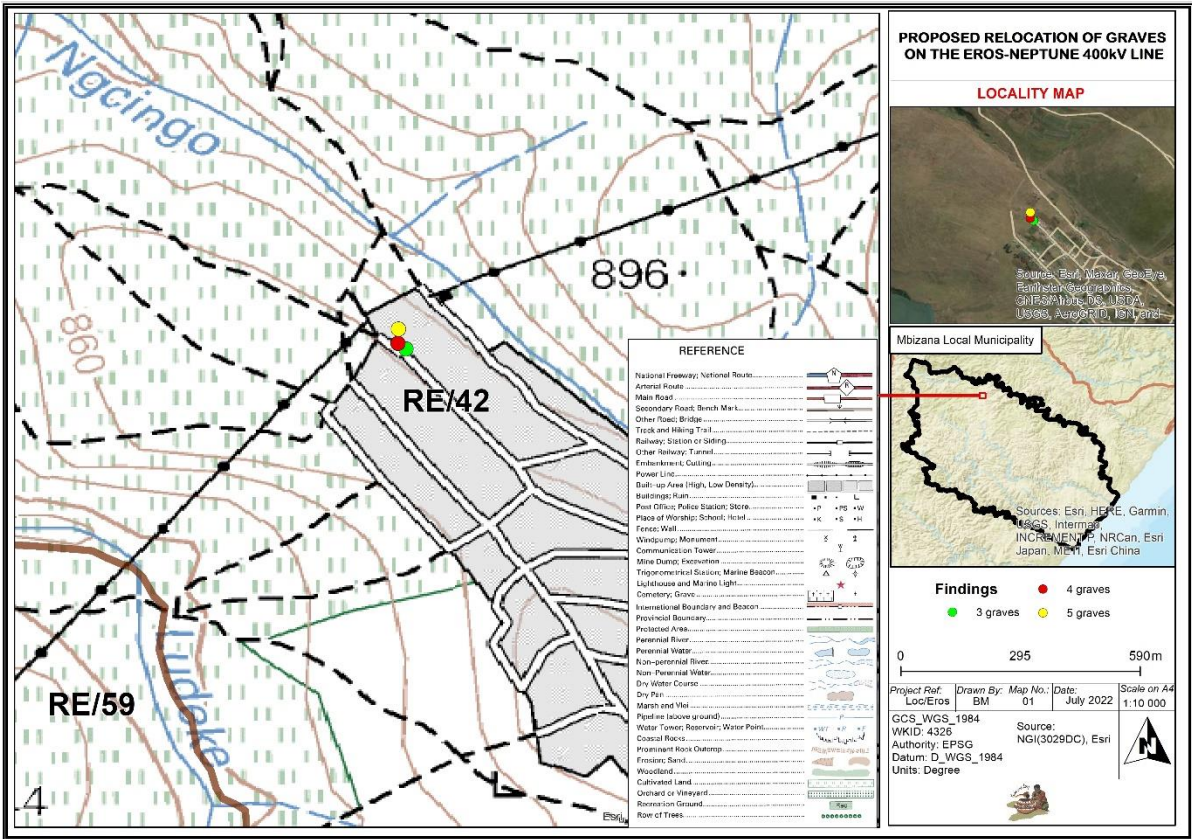
Amathambo abantu ngoku angcwatywa phakathi kwiNdlela yeEros Neptune 400kV powerline. Amathambo abantu azaku grunjwa kwindawo yawo yangoku yokungcwatywa kwaye angcwatywe kuMangcwaba kaMasipala okanye kwindawo entsha ngokwe sicelo seentsapho zabangasekhoyo

Ukuze ubhaliswe/uchongwe njengamaqela anomdla/achaphazelekayo, kuquka bonke abantu kunye neendawo zoluntu oluzelwe ngabantu abamngcwatyweyo, bonke abantu okanye iindawo zoluntu oluchaphazelekayo okanye abanomdla ngamangcwaba banga faka izimvo/iinkcaso ezibhaliweyo kuMcebisi weLifa leMveli okhankanywe ngezantsi **kwiintsuku ezili-60 zomhla wokupapashwa kwesi saziso.**

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**Le ntengiso ilungiselelwe egameni le Eskom Holding SOC**



**Figure 1:** Topographical map indicating position of the graves.



**Figure 2:** View of site notices pasted in the area.



**Figure 3:** View of some of the notices in public centres.

## APPENDIX 2: NEWSPAPER ADVERTS

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**DAILY SUN**

Figure 4: Site notice in the Daily Sun.

er, I still enjoy the concepts of space planning, interior design and bespoke furniture manufacturing," said Mgolozeli.

One of the most important aspects of the company is its potential to alleviate poverty and unemployment, with the firm currently employing 10 workers who possess a myriad of skill sets in disciplines such as carpentry, upholstery, marketing, finance and accounting.

Above and beyond the creation of employment, the company also provides skills development and training opportunities through an apprenticeship service level agreement with a local training centre to house 15 carpentry students, whilst also providing a further six students support to accelerate their businesses.

"Through business incubation, the Incubation Centre captures each entrepreneur's uniqueness and offers support and customised services to maximise business potential.

"This greatly assists and aligns with key business growth strategies and expansion efforts together with remaining industry competitive," said Mgolozeli.

**- ISSUED BY WALTER SISULU UNIVERSITY**

WSU public relations graduate, Sandiswa Mgolozeli, has ventured into manufacturing. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

**'Land of Nonesi' on stage this Saturday**

Soni Creative Arts Space presents a production called 'Land of Nonesi.' The story is based on the history of AbaThembu. Nonesi was the wife of King Ngubengcuka. She was abducted by English colonialists in the 1800s, never to be found again. This happened after Nonesi refused to vacate land which the white farmers wanted for themselves. The play comes from award-winning writer, Sonwabile Mlancane, and is directed by fellow award-winner, Nondumiso Zweni. The cast consists of Phabile Rwaxo, Chweyita Lamati and Zweni. It takes place at the All Saints Hall in Craister Street, Mthatha, at 14:00 on Saturday, June 11. Tickets are selling at R50 per person. Contact Nondumiso Zweni on 060 830 1661 / 076 038 0572 or Phabile Rwaxo on 076 300 4665 for tickets or more info.

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Figure 5: Notice in the Mthatha Express.