

## Appendix B: Background Information Document



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## FOR THE PROPOSED BELFAST MINE PROJECT GRAVE RELOCATION PROCESS

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**Project Number:**

EXX 2305

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# 1 Background

Exxaro Coal Mpumalanga (Pty) Ltd has appointed Digby Wells Environmental to undertake a Grave Relocation Process of graves that will be affected by the proposed Belfast Opencast Mine.

At present, Exxaro operates the Glisa and Strathrae Collieries as part of its Northern Block Complex (NBC) operations, Belfast.

Digby Wells has been requested by Exxaro to undertake a regulated consultation procedure with bona fide next-of-kin (NoK) of deceased buried in affected graves. This consultation procedure aims to reach agreement for *in situ* conservation and relocation of graves, as the case may be.

## 1.1 Legal framework

The GRPr will be undertaken within the following legal framework:

- National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999) (NHRA) section 36;
- NHRA Regulations 33 to 35 and 38 to 40;
- National Health Act, 2003 (Act No. 61 of 2003) (NHA);
- NHA Regulations 26 to 28;
- Mpumalanga Cemeteries, Crematoria and Exhumation of Bodies Act, 2005 (Act No. 8 of 2005) (MCCEBA); and
- Applicable municipal bylaws.

## 2 Project description and locality

The purpose of the Grave Relocation Process will be to identify and consult with family and persons, who by tradition may have interests in the graves, in order to obtain permission from these people for the exhumation, relocation and reburial of the deceased. This is needed in order to apply for all relevant exhumation permits in terms of the Acts and Regulations listed above.

The Grave Relocation has three main steps:

- Step 1: Stakeholder Engagement Process (SEP);
- Step 2: Authorisation; and
- Step 3: Implementation.

Step 1 will include consultation with the family of the dead during a 60 day notice period

Step 2 a permit will be requested from the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves unit. Permission will also be asked from the Mpumalanga Departmental of Health and Social Development and the Emakhazeni Local Municipality.

Step 3 will be the physical relocation of the graves.

## 2.1 Project locality

The proposed Belfast Opencast Mine is located on Zoekop 426JS, Leeuwbank 427JS and Blyvooruitzicht 383JT approximately 12 km south-west of Belfast (See Figure 4 for Phase 1 of the proposed mine). A provisional register of identified deceased based on information visible on the graves is provided in

Table 2-1.

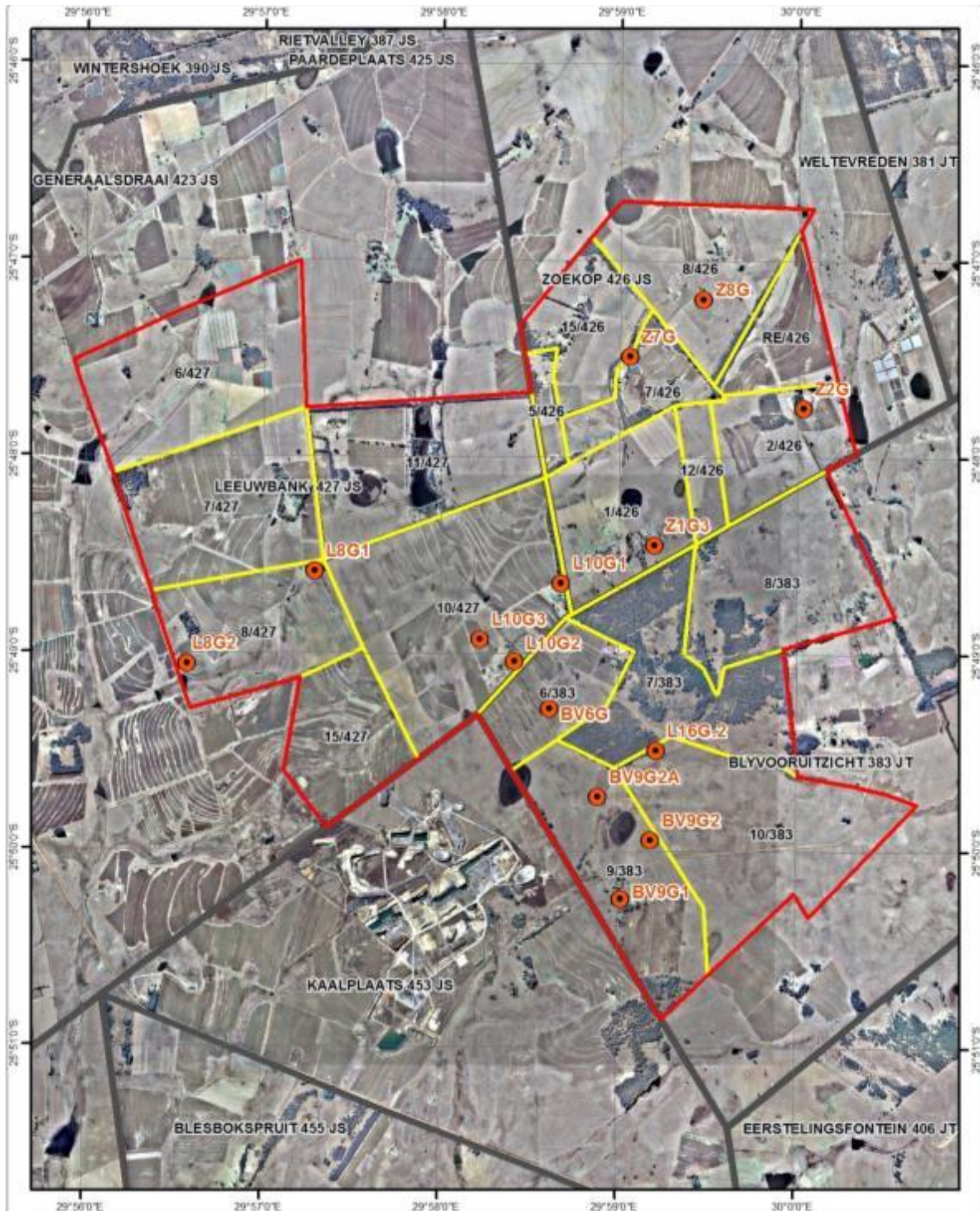


Figure 4: Map of Belfast project area and identified burial grounds and graves



**Table 2-1: Identified deceased within the Belfast project area**

Site Number	Dates of Burial	First Name	Last Name	Location
9G1	1956	Petras Johannes	Kilian	Intersecting Pits/Infrastructure
9G1	1944	Maria Elizabeth	Kilian	Intersecting Pits/Infrastructure
9G1	1933	P.J	Kilian	Intersecting Pits/Infrastructure
9G1	1939	M.S	du Plissis	Intersecting Pits/Infrastructure
9G1	1954	Matthias G.	Taute	Intersecting Pits/Infrastructure
9G2A	1983	Piet Magegedane	Mahlungu	Intersecting Pits/Infrastructure
9G2A	1954	Bettice Mwelasi	Sidane	Intersecting Pits/Infrastructure
8G1	1944	William Kennedy	Davidson	Intersecting Pits/Infrastructure
10G1	1971	Susanna Johanna Jacoba	Swart	Intersecting Pits/Infrastructure
10G1	1963	Cornelius Janste	Swart	Intersecting Pits/Infrastructure
10G1	1927	Barathene	Swart	Intersecting Pits/Infrastructure
10G1	1977	Dirk Cornelias	Swart	Intersecting Pits/Infrastructure
10G1		Gideon	Senekal	Intersecting Pits/Infrastructure
10G2	2001	Simon Shorty	Mtsweni	Within 100m buffer
10G2	2010	Poppy Betty	Mtsweni	Within 100m buffer
10G2	1996	Mhlekwana April	Sindane	Within 100m buffer
10G2	2014	Dida Lucas	Maredi	Within 100m buffer
10G2		Sunduza Elliot	Kubheka	Within 100m buffer
10G2		Mabesulu Emelina	Kubheka	Within 100m buffer
10G3	1983	Vuso A.	Mtsweni	Intersecting Pits/Infrastructure
10G3		Magdalene	Mtsweni	Intersecting Pits/Infrastructure
10G3		John	Mtsweni	Intersecting Pits/Infrastructure
10G3		Nria	Mtsweni	Intersecting Pits/Infrastructure
10G3			Mtsweni	Intersecting Pits/Infrastructure
10G3		Budu	Mahlangu	Intersecting Pits/Infrastructure

### **3 Stakeholder Engagement Process**

The stakeholder engagement process is an important part of the Grave Relocation Process and gives the family of the deceased the chance of taking part in making decisions about the graves which are affected. The purpose of the stakeholder engagement process has two parts:

1. Identification of the NoK of the dead; and
2. Consulting with the NoK to reach agreements regarding the future of the graves.

The stakeholder engagement process will provide the NoK with an opportunity to participate in an important and positive manner by providing a way for the NoK to raise issues, comments and concerns about the Grave Relocation process.

The first meeting will be organised where the general public will be invited to take part in the project. At this meeting, the project will be introduced, the BID will be made available and relevant NoK will be registered. Subsequent meeting will be held with affected NoK only to discuss the way forward with the graves.

Family and people who by tradition have interests in the graves can provide comments by:

- Submitting written comment to Digby Wells via post, email or fax;
- Calling the Digby Wells Public Participation Office; and
- Completing the Comment Sheet enclosed.

The Grave Relocation process is dependent on full participation by the families of the deceased and we therefore request and thanks you for your help in the process.

# REGISTRATION AND COMMENT FORM

## Exxaro Coal Mpumalanga (Pty) Ltd (Exxaro) proposed Belfast GRP

Please complete this form and return it to the contact person provided, to ensure that you are registered as an Interested and Affected Party by no later than 7 November 2014. The form also gives you the opportunity to make comments regarding the project. Additional pages may be attached, should this be required.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby confirm that I have by tradition *bona fide* interests in burial grounds and/or graves located in the Belfast Project Area.

Interest in burial grounds and/or graves (tick one or more as appropriate):												
1.	<input type="checkbox"/> Bona fide next-of-kin of deceased (indicate relationship below)											
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2.	<input type="checkbox"/> Bona fide representative of next-of-kin of the deceased											
3.	<input type="checkbox"/> Landowner on whose property burial grounds and/or graves are located (indicate type of landowner below)											
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Details of the burial grounds and/or graves:												
Number of burial grounds / graves known to me:												
Approximate age of burial grounds / graves:		<input type="checkbox"/> younger than 60 years, i.e. after 1954 <input type="checkbox"/> older than 60 years, i.e. before 1954										
Details of next-of-kin (include additional details on separate sheet of paper):												
Name:		Contact no:										
I confirm my intent to register as a <i>bona fide</i> Interested and Affected Party in relation to the above mentioned burial grounds and/or graves. I may be contacted as per the details provided below:												
Contact number/s:		Email address:										
Physical address:		Postal address:										
Preferred method of communication:		<input type="checkbox"/> SMS <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone <input type="checkbox"/> Post										

Signed on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2014 at \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_