

APPENDIX E

**Newspaper Advert and Site
Notice**

**NOTICE OF A SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS AND WATER USE
LICENCE APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE EXISTING MINING RIGHT
AREA OF THE EXXARO COAL (PTY) LIMITED GROOTEDELUK COAL MINE, LOCATED ON THE FARMS
ENKELBULT 462 LQ AND TURFVLAKTE 463 LQ,
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Date of the advert: **24 January 2020**

Protestors out on warning

Leoni Kruger

SHONGOANE — Protestors blocked the D3110 road between Shongoane 3 and Abbotsport on Wednesday 16 January, and bus drivers were unable to transport their passengers to their respective workplaces.

The police in Villa Nora were called out to Shongoane 3 Village at around 02:30 to investigate the matter.

According to Police, the protestors said the reason for barricading the road is that they wanted to meet Lephalale Mayor, Jack Maeko, because he promised to have a meeting with them, and he didn't fulfil his promise.

"They also said that they were promised containers in villages where CVs could be submitted for job seekers, and they need better service delivery," said Warrant Officer Frans Mokoena, Lephalale SAPS Cluster spokesperson.

According to WO Mokoena, the protestors set one of the busses on fire, and 25 females and three males were arrested on charges of malicious damage to property and public violence.

Twenty-one of the suspects appeared in Phalala Magistrate's Court on Monday 20 January, and the case was postponed to 2 March 2020. They were released on a warning.

Mogol Post has inquired with the municipality regarding the allegations about the Mayor. Still, according to Conscious Chiloane, Municipal Communication Manager, they cannot respond because the actions were probably politically driven. She was not aware of the mentioned containers in which CVs could be submitted.

The investigation continues.



Protestors barricaded the road and set a bus on fire

(Photos supplied)

TEMO COAL MINING (PTY) LTD

Temo Coal, a subsidiary of Namane Energy LTD, invites students who matriculated at the end of 2019 and who are interested in joining the mining industry to apply for our External Bursary Scheme in the following fields of study:

- BCom Accounting/Financial Management
- BSc or BEng Electrical and Mechanical Engineering

In making the final selection, first preference will be given to:

- Previously disadvantaged individuals,
- People with disabilities, and
- Females

Bursaries are available only to South African citizens who resides within the local municipal area of Lephalale and who have achieved a distinction, as a final matric mark, for mathematics and accounting/science.

Applications with attachments should be emailed or faxed to:
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CLOSING DATE: 28 January 2020

Borg vir beweerde bedrog

LEPHALALE — Die 31-jarige Andriné Grové van Lephalale is Sondag 19 Januarie deur die polisie in Lephalale gearresteer en sy het Maandag 20 Januarie in die Landdroshof in Lephalale

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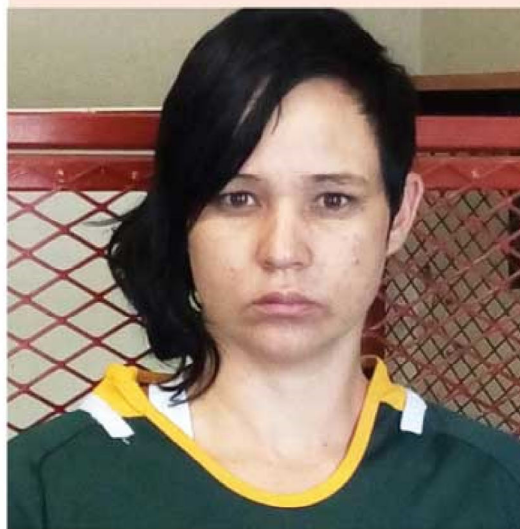
Volgens adjutant-offisier Frans Mokoena, Lephalale Polisie se Klusterwoordvoerder, het Grové na bewering haar werkgewer se templaafaktuur vervals deur haar eie rekeningnommer te verskaf as rekening waarin betalings gedoen moes word.

Grové, wat volgens inligting haar LLB-graad aan die Noord-Wes Universiteit behaal het, het vanaf Oktober 2019 'n pos as administratiewe klerk by haar huidige werknemer beklee.

Sy is Maandag tydens haar hofverskyning borg van R1 500 toegestaan en die saak is uitgestel na Donderdag 20 Februarie 2020.

Volgens adjutant-offisier Mokoena was daar, buiten die bedrogklag in Lephalale, voorheen twee klagtes van diefstal teen haar aanhangig gemaak (in Polokwane en Potchefstroom).

Grové was 'n leerder aan die Hoërskool Ellisras en het ook daar gematrikuleer. Die ondersoek duur voort.



Andriné Grové

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Rhino slaughter continues

DORSET — Members of the Endangered Species Unit of the South African Police Service have launched a search for the suspect(s) involved in the killing of two rhinos on Saturday afternoon, 18 January 2020, at one of the local game reserves in the Dorset Policing area outside Lephalale.

Game Rangers were allegedly patrolling on the farm when they discovered two carcasses of rhinoceros, already in a stage of decomposition, and summoned the police. On arrival at the scene, the police found one of the rhinos dehorned.

The suspects are still unknown, and anyone with information about these suspects is requested to conduct Detective Warrant Officer Jurg van Heerden at 082 414 2337 or the nearest police station, or the Crime Stop number 086 001 0111.

Police investigations continue.



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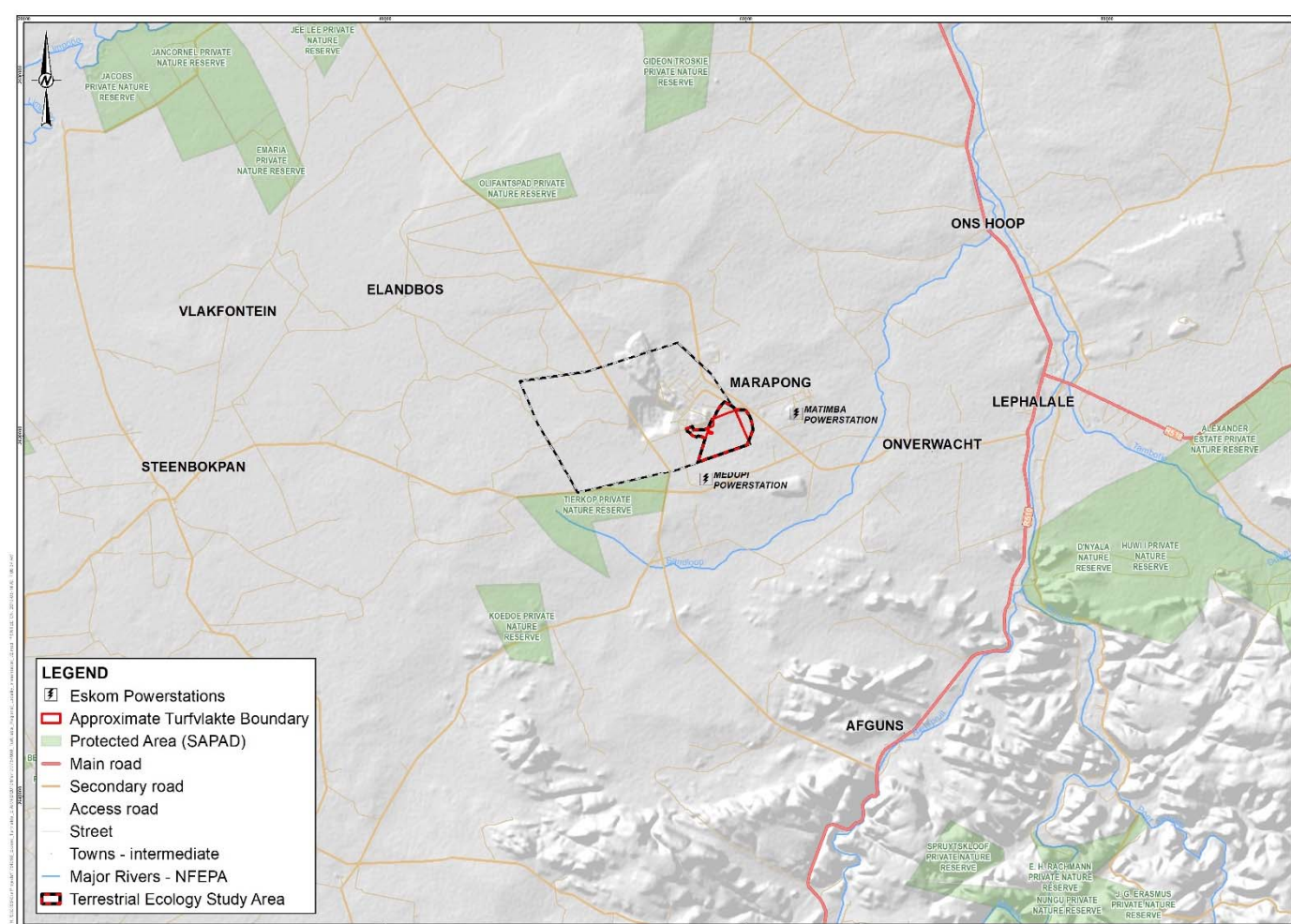
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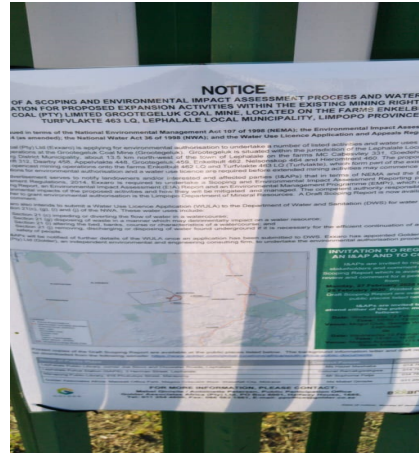

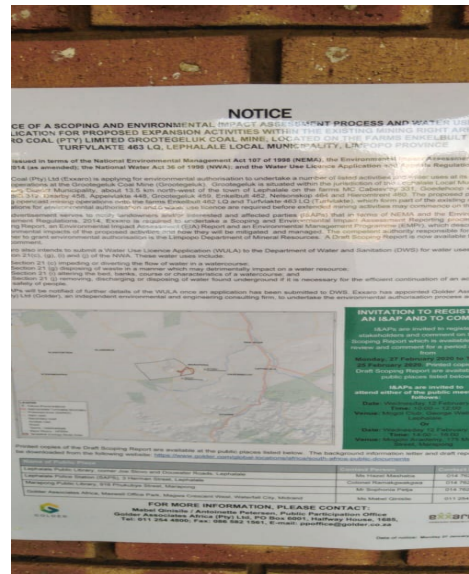
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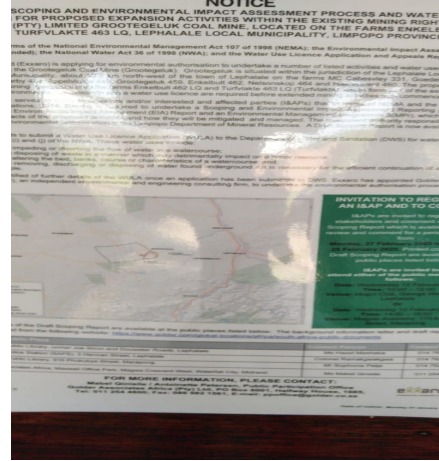

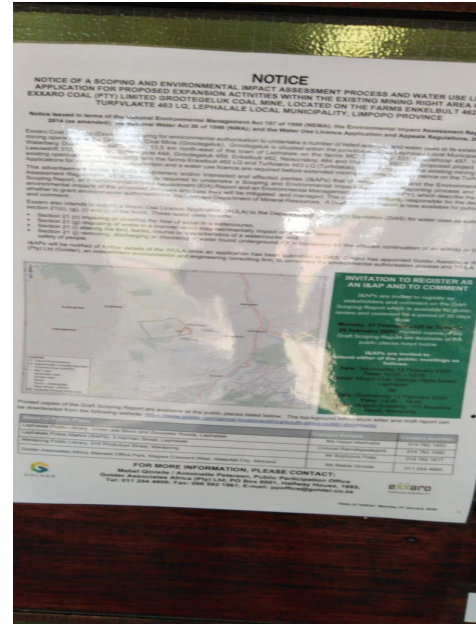
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| 5 | Manketti Lodge |  | 23°40'06.76"S 27°35'10.36"E |
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