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DATE: 29 July 2013
ENQUIRIES: MRS. REGINA ISAACS
OUR REFERENCE: 9/2/503/0014

The Secretary
Mr. Zingisa Bokwe
Eastern Cape of House Traditional Leaders
Independence Avenue
P.O.Box 0035
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Dear Mr. Bokwe,

**RE: PROPOSED MEETING TO DISCUSS NOMINATION AND DECLARATION OF
BROSTER BEADWORK COLLECTION HOUSED AT WALTER SISULU
UNIVERSITY- MTHATHA CAMPUS**

The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), established in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA) no. 25 of 1999, is mandated to preserve, conserve, protect and management heritage resources that are of national significance. Section 32 of NHRA stipulates list of types of heritage objects that form part of the National Estate that SAHRA may declare due to their significance.

SAHRA had been in discussion with the Walter Sisulu University (WSU) Executive Management, Staff and East London Museum (ELM) officials regarding the significance of the Broster Beadwork Collection that the University owns. University of Transkei, (now Walter Sisulu-WSU) purchased the Collection from Joan Broster. The Collection,

which is mainly from Qebe area (Community) was made by Joan Broster (nee Clarke), between 1952 and 1966. Joan Broster's grandfather pioneered a trading in the Engcobo District of then Transkei in 1875. Four Clarke generations lived among the Thembu before Joan Broster, as a young bride, moved to the village of Qebe in 1952, to run a family trading store. There she studied Thembu traditions, developed a passion for beadwork, and collected and annotated local costumes that demonstrate how minutely beadwork mapped social identity within this Xhosa-speaking community.

Having given the brief background of how WSU came to own the Collection. After the engagements with WSU regarding nomination of the Collection, WSU has agreed on Nomination and Declaration of the Collection as a Specifically Declared Collection. Nomination form has been completed and is with SAHRA. Furthermore, there are ongoing meetings between the institutions concerned.

This letter therefore serves to inform you that, as part of the Nomination and Declaration process and procedures, it is a legal requirement that SAHRA conducts public participation meetings, workshops and consultation meetings with the relevant stakeholders and interested and affected parties. SAHRA has identified your organization or institution as a critical stakeholder to participate in the said process.

Based on the above, SAHRA would like to propose a meeting with your organization to further explain the processes and procedures involved in declaration as stipulated in the NHRA.

PROPOSED DATE: 14 August 2013

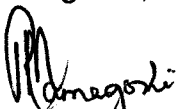
VENUE: Eastern Cape House of Traditional Leaders

TIME: 10H00- 12H00

Your cooperation in this regard will be highly appreciated.

Thanking you in advance.

Kind regards,



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Acting- Chief Executive Manager