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Attention: Ms. T Tshivhase Heritage Officer: Permitting South African Heritage Resources Agency 111 Harrington Street, CA P.O Box 4637, CA, 8001 Tel: +27 (0) 12 941 4968 Email: <u>ttshivhase@sahra.org.za</u> Ref: CaseID 16808, PermitID 3302

Dear Madam

<u>Subject:</u> Graves Exhumation Permit application in relation to uMsimbithi Colliery at Wonderfontein 428JS Farm, Belfast area of Mpumalanga Province.

Reference is made in relation to the subject matter.

Umsimbithi Mining (Pty) Ltd of Wonderfontein 428 JS Portion is an open-cast coal mining company operating at the vicinity of Belfast Town. As part of their mining expansion programme, an estimated number of 150 graves were discovered. These known graves are located in an area earmarked for further extraction of coal minerals by mining company. Mulaifa Development Projects cc, reputable Heritage and Social Facilitation specialists have been appointed by Umsimbithi Mining to sort the permission from the affected families



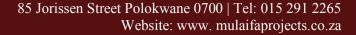
with the specific view to ensure that proper procedure is followed when relocating the said graves.

On-going consultation with the direct descendants of the deceased yielded positive outcome in that family members agreed with the mine proposal to exhume and relocate the said graves to a safer place.

The first phase of graves exhumation with 23 graves having been relocated to Kromdraai cemetery of eMalahleni Municipality was completed by the 15th of September, 2021. We are therefore submitting relevant information for an additional One Hundred and Five (105) graves that have been consented thus far by the direct descendants of the deceased.

So far, all 105 graves will have to be relocated to municipality controlled Kromdraai cemetery in eMalahleni as a preferred and most convenient gravesite. This is because most of the affected families are currently residing in eMalahleni municipality area.

In the process of securing exhumation permit from Mpumalanga Department of Health, the graves exhumation permit from SAHRA will be required in support of our application. It is our wish that the processes of graves exhumation and relocated should commence on or before the 31st of November 2021. Our plans is to exhume and rebury all 105 graves before end of January 2022. We hope and believe that you will treat this request at your most convenient urgency.





Attached kindly receive copies of consent forms and associated documents required for you to make a determination of compliance as per the set standard of consultation. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need clarity on the subject matter.

Hoping to hear from you soon

Kindest

Mabuda M Moses

For and on behalf of Mulaifa Development Projects cc

