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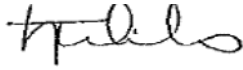
**RE: MOTIVATION FOR RESCUE OF 2 ACCIDENTALLY EXPOSED HUMAN BURIALS DURING CONSTRUCTION WORK ALONG ROAD D4181, D4182, D4185 and D4220 IN LIMPOPO PROVINCE.**

This matter has reference. Two unmarked and unknown burials were accidentally exposed during construction work along Road D4181, D4182, D4185 and D4220, in Limpopo Province. (See attached Grave Verification Report). The affected burials were located along the road servitude under construction. The remains were stabilized in accordance with the law and work around the find site suspended; however, the security of these remains cannot be guaranteed. As a result of Community protests, road construction was often disrupted there by exposing the stabilized remains.

Human remains are sacred and sensitive; hence local communities are not happy with the exposed human remains not urgently rescued. There are concerns that this may cause misfortunes along the upgraded road and hence the Traditional Authority have instructed Road Agency Limpopo to ensure that the affected human remains are rescued by the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2018. It is feared that if it rains again, the remains will be exposed and washed away because the stockpiled soils bearing remains are still loose. We therefore recommend that The Burial Grounds and graves Unit prioritize the authorization of the Burial Permit application as requested by the affected Traditional Authorities. The affected Traditional Authority and SAPS have endorsed the proposed rescue of the affected burials (See attached letters). Furthermore, the Traditional Authority has provided a safer burial site and Road Agency Limpopo has set aside a budget for the rescue of the affected human remains. Professional services providers (Archaeologist, Social Facilitator and undertaker) have already been appointed to rescue the affected burials (See attached appointment letters).

We therefore recommend that SAHRA Burial Grounds and Grave Unit approve the proposed relocation of the affected burial.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trust Mlilo', written in a cursive style.

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