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SITE INSPECTION REPORT: Moses Kotane Burial Site

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1. Introduction

Section 5 (1)(a) of the National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) states that “Heritage resources have lasting value in their own right and provide evidence of the origins of the South African society and as they are valuable, finite, non-renewable and irreplaceable they must be carefully managed to ensure their survival”.

2. Purpose of the Report

The purpose is to give a report on the meeting and site visit held at Pella in Northwest.

3. Background

The HPU conducts annual site visits to Declared National Heritage Resources within the country. For the first quarter, the HPU has dedicated Northwest for site assessments.

4. Meeting Undertaking

On the 23rd of June 2021, the HPU had a meeting with the Moses Kotane Foundation, the Moses Kotane Local Municipality, The Arts Culture Sports and Recreation department and the Tribal Authority.

The objective of the meeting was to discuss the Heritage Agreement with relevant stakeholders. The stakeholders agreed to participate; however, they would need to report back to their respective principals. The due date for commenting is the 23rd of July 2021.

5. Site Visit Assessment

The delegation undertook a site visit to the National Heritage Site of Moses Kotane to assess the condition of the memorial and the grave ledger.

The site is being taken care off by the Moses Kotane Foundation in conjunction with the Local and Provincial Municipality. However, there is no formal agreement. The roles and responsibilities still need to be outlined and clearly redefined.

The site currently has currently four employees taking care of the garden and the site. The one employee has recently been hospitalized due to bad health.

5.1. The Memorial

The memorial at the site is currently in a fair state. However, there are some cracks on the sides of the memorial. The one step of the memorial is coming off, as most parts are starting to dissemble. Please see below picture.



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Figure 1&2: The cracks of the memorial

There is a fence around the memorial garden, and some pieces of the fence have been stolen. The fence would need to be re-installed.



Figure 3: The broken/stolen fence



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The garden is being well maintained and the flowers are currently blossoming.

5.2. The Grave Ledger

The grave of Moses Kotane currently has a Zimbabwean Granite ledger on it. The Foundation has stated that there are certain parts of the ledger that are starting to disjoin. They would the SAHRA to assist them in fixing the memorial and ledger. They have recently applied for a permit for the tombstone of the late Mme Kotane.



Figure 4: The rest site of Moses Kotane and Mme Kotane



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