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Dear Ms Seetelo

INTENDED RELOCATION OF THE REMAINS OF 13 GRAVES THAT ARE OLDER THAN 60 YEARS FROM THE FARM STEENKOOLESPRUIT 18 IS, NEAR KRIEL, MPUMALANGA

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Our company has been appointed by Glencore South Africa (PTY) Ltd to affect the relocation of 13 graves located in an informal cemetery on portion 1 of the farm Steenkoolspruit 18 IS, Mpumalanga. Martins Funerals (Emalahleni) will be responsible for the handling and reburial of the exhumed human remains. Of these 13 graves, 10 graves can not be dated by the Next-of-Kin and are believed to be older than 60 years and 3 have been unclaimed and therefore assumed to be older than 60 years old as stipulated in the Heritage Act.

DESCRIPTION OF CEMETERIES

The details of these cemeteries and graves are as follows:

- **AEPC 7 (±13 graves) at GPS coordinates: S -26.092528° E 29.270444°**

This cemetery contains 11 graves located on the farm Steenkoolspruit 18 IS, near Kriel, Mpumalanga Province (Appendix B). The cemetery is located in the ATCOM East area. The details of the persons buried here can be found in the attached grave register (Appendix C). Of the 11 graves, 8 have associated next of kin who have requested that we relocate their graves. The graves will be relocated to the Kwa Phaahla cemetery in the Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality district as requested by the Mahlangu family. Approximately 80-100m away from this cemetery the remains of two stillborn babies is located and pointed out by the Mahlangu family, which they also requested to have relocated.

PERMITS AND PERMISSIONS

We have received the following permits and permissions thus far:

- The South African Police Services were informed of the proposed relocation. They will be informed of the date of relocation at least 7 days in advance.
- Landowner Consent Letter.

We are also in the process of applying for permits and permissions from the following institutions:

- The South African Heritage Resources Agency as required by Section 36 of Act 25 of 1999. (Graves older than 60 years and all graves that were not identified by next of kin)
- The Mpumalanga Provincial Department of Health.
- The Emalahleni Local Municipal for the Exhumation and Reburial of remains.
- Local Municipalities for graves to be reburied outside eMalahleni.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The cemetery is adversely impacted upon by the expansion of coal mining by the Impunzi Complex Project. We have conducted an intensive process of social consultation in order to identify the buried individuals and to obtain permission for exhumation and re-interment from the affected families, communities and other *bona fide* interested and affected parties. This intensive process commenced on Thursday, 23 May 2013 with the erection of bilingual (English and isiZulu) site notices at the cemetery. Bilingual (isiZulu and English) newspaper notices were published in the Daily Sun and Witbank News on Tuesday, 6 June 2017 and Friday, 9 June 2017 respectively.

The intensive physical social consultation process commenced on Thursday, 23 May 2013 and the methodology followed in terms of this consultative process comprised the following:

- Identification of persons who may have resided in the study area by speaking to elderly people who have lived within the surroundings of the study area all their lives.
- During conversations with these individuals leads may have been forthcoming of families or individuals who used to reside within the study area.
- Our social consultation team visited each of the leads, to ascertain whether these individuals would have graves buried within the study area.
- Once families with graves within the study area had been identified, a date was scheduled on which the physical identification of the graves could be undertaken and if the family so wishes the proposed permission forms could be signed.
- On the identification date the respective family representatives were physically taken to the cemeteries where their graves were buried. The representatives then identified their graves and the respective (unique) grave numbers were recorded by the social consultation team.
- This was followed by a meeting at the mine where the proposed relocation was explained to the family, and those families willing to sign the permission were then given the opportunity to do so.

As a result of the social consultation process the following results were achieved:

Of the 13 graves located within this cemetery, 10 have been positively identified by the affected Mahlangu family and a signed request form for the relocation for each grave has been provided.

To clarify matters we have allocated the affected graves to the following categories:

Graves older than 100 years (Section 35 of Act 25 of 1999):	None
Graves older than 60 years (Section 36 of Act 25 of 1999):	None
Graves of victims of conflict (Section 36 of Act 25 of 1999):	None
Graves of individuals of royal decent (Section 36 of Act 25 of 1999):	None
Graves younger than 60 years that are located outside a registered cemetery (Ordinance 7 of 1925, Section 36 of Act 25 of 1999, Ordinance 12 of 1980):	None
Graves identified by the next of kin but of which the date of death is presently unknown	10
Presently unknown graves/possible graves (Section 36 of Act 25 of 1999):	3
Total	13

REBURIAL OF REMAINS

According to the wishes of the families, the identified graves must be buried at the following municipal cemeteries (Appendix E):

Name of Cemetery	Responsible Municipality	Number of Graves to be relocated here
Kromdraai Cemetery	eMalahleni Local Municipality	3
Kwa Phaahla - Valsfontein	Dr JS Morake	10
Total No.		13

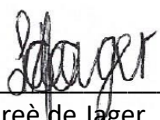
REQUEST

In light of the aforementioned information, we hereby respectfully apply for permission to:

1. Exhume the remains in the 13 affected graves;
2. Rebury the remains in the cemeteries within your jurisdiction, as set out above.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information (my cell phone number is 071 471 3897).

Yours sincerely,



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