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# MAHWERELENG MALL GRAVE RELOCATION

## STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

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### PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

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**Meeting:** Mahwereleng Mall Grave Relocation Project  
**Date:** 19 March 2022 & 2 April 2022; & 23 April (09:00-11:00)  
**Place:** Mokopane  
**Minutes by:** Mr L Sereme, A Monaise, A Matabane, A Mosikare  
**Attendees:** **Noted on attached attendance register (referenced by surname in text)**

\*Note all covid 19 protocols were adhered to at all times during the meeting with attendees required to adhere to all restrictions



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Author: Ms AM Matabane

Reviewer: A Monaise

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## **Background to First Public Meeting 19 March 2022 and its Objectives**

Reach Archaeology Consulting on behalf of G&A Heritage Properties (Pty) Ltd. was appointed by GMI (Pty) Ltd to apply for a permit from the South African Heritage Resources Agency's (SAHRA) to relocate the associated identified graves and burial grounds identified in their proposed expansion area. In order to comply with the National Heritage Resources Act a concerted effort to identify these graves and their Next-of-Kin (NoK), as well as to have discussions with the graves' NoK regarding possible exhumation of these graves. An official public meeting briefing was organised and arranged following the distribution of public flyers, in line with SAHRA Covid-19 protocol (see Appendix B) and the formal public on-site notice (see Appendix C) were distributed and placed on-site on 3 February 2022, and a subsequent initial short site briefing was held on 22 March 2022 with locals. The attendees were requested to provide their contact details in an informal gathering at the gravesite and provide details of where their graves are. Due to the overgrowth of vegetation, many of the gravesites were inaccessible and a request was submitted to clear the area to ensure access for the families, in order to guide the verification and identification process on site.

It was explained that this part of the process is referred to as the grave verification process will include physical on-site confirmation of the graves, and the deceased to ensure the graves affected are within the proposed affected area, as there are graves that fall outside the proposed area.

A formal public meeting was then arranged and held on 19 March 2022 to brief community members on the grave relocation process and the purposes of the relocation (see Appendix E). The purpose of the meeting was to identify the Next of Kin of identified graves and family grave representatives in order to proceed with the grave verification process and begin the permit application process. The meeting was also to present the internal discussion to the families surrounding the grave exhumation options and relevant family wake fees for the relocation of their graves. Participants were requested to consult with their individual families about the exhumation details and reburial details as per their customs and beliefs.

The meeting was chaired by Ms Matabane and translated by Mr Langa (where necessary) from GMI Group, the meeting was attended by a total of 21 participants as well as Mr Mosikare from Reach Archaeology Consulting. Pictures of the graves were placed around the entrance of the auditorium for participants to familiarise themselves with the area. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing protocols were followed, including the use of face masks and hand sanitisers.



**Figure 1:** Pictures of the site notices and SMS notifications sent

### **Meeting Introductions**

The meeting commenced with a prayer by Mr Langa. Subsequently, Ms Matabane explained that G&A Heritage was appointed by the Mahwereng. Mall GMI Group followed SAHRA legislation in the grave identification process. Ms Matabane clarified that Reach Archaeology Consulting is an independent consultant reporting to G&A Heritage and explained that the process of grave relocations follows a legislated process (see attached Meeting Agenda Appendix E ).

Mr Langa clarified that the briefly discussed the graves identified may lay inside or outside the proposed area and Ms Matabane indicated that there would be a process of verification whereby participants will be requested to indicate where their graves are located. Ms Matabane explained that there are a series of authorisations, permits and permission that will be required in order for the graves to be relocated and provided families with a template of the affidavit that will be signed once that process is underway.

Ms Matabane explained that the mall will be expanding its current area and that the graves will need to be relocated to ensure their protection and conservation. She further explained that there will be a series of meetings going forward and that community members will be required to attend those meetings such that they can participate in the process. Ms Matabane explained that when applying for a permit from SAHRA, SAPS, Municipality and the local tribesmen authorisation will be required and that these relevant stakeholders will be invited to the next public meeting accordingly, to explain their role in the relocation process.

Ms Matabane explained that a grave relocation process and the permit is required to remove the graves, will require their certified ID copies as well as their signed consent. Ms Matabane confirmed that no grave was going to be relocated at this stage, as the mine firstly wanted to identify the owners of these graves. In this way, she elaborated upon the purpose of the meeting, which was to identify family representatives who can make decisions for these graves and to verify where their graves lie on the property. She explained that in the next meeting a site map will be provided to ensure that the identified families are the relevant individuals and that if there are individuals with graves outside the proposed area that they would need to make a submission to the developers to include their graves in the relocation of the current graves.

She further explained that such representatives would need to sign formally sworn affidavits for the graves and that it would therefore be beneficial if the families would discuss how their graves should be handled in the relocation process and where their family members should be relocated to. Although a formal English document, the affidavits can also be translated into a local language. As explained, the affidavits will document each family's decisions and requirements. Participants were informed that the legislation does not allow for any compensation for graves and that the only money involved in the process is for the required wake fees for the relocation of graves. Ms Matabane outlined that this includes the coffins, burial plot as well as the undertaker appointed to handle the transportation of the graves.

Ms Matabane explained that this is the first undertaking in the process of relocating the graves and that it is a lengthy process and that the graves will not be relocated soon.

The floor was opened for discussion, questions and queries.



**Figure 2:** Participants at the meeting held in the multi-purpose centre

**SWORN AFFIDAVIT**

I, the undersigned

Full name & surname	
Identity number	

Hereby declare under oath as follows;

- That I am the legal and elected spokesperson for the ..... (family/community)
- That I have been authorised by the family/community above to make binding and legal decisions regarding the exhumation and re-interment of the following persons (add pages if necessary)

Full name and ID number of deceased (if known)	Date of death	Relationship	Signature of family representative

- That I (as legally elected family or community representative) request G&A Heritage Properties (Pty) Ltd and their associates to perform the required exhumation and re-interment as agreed upon during the stakeholder engagement process for the ..... (name of project) project.
- That by signing this affidavit I take full responsibility for ownership of said graves and exempt G&A Heritage Properties (Pty) Ltd, its clients and affiliates of all future claims by other families or

communities in regards to the exhumation, relocation and re-interment of the individuals listed above.

- That I completed and signed this affidavit of my own free will and not under any duress and that it represents as far as my knowledge goes the wishes of the affected next-of-kin.
- That I am not signing this affidavit to profiteer and that I am not receiving any payment (except for the negotiated wake-fee) to persuade me to sign this affidavit.
- That the decision to relocate the indicated individuals constitutes the wishes of the family or community that I represent.

Thus signed at ....., on this ..... day of .....

Signature of deponent

.....

Commissioner of oaths signature

.....

Stamp

**Figure 3: Circulated Affidavit template**

**INTERESTED AND/OR AFFECTED PARTIES (I&APs) IN ACCORDANCE WITH TERMS OF SECTION 35 & 36 (5) OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (ACT 25 OF 1999)**

**60 DAY NOTICE PERIOD**

**MAHWERELENG SHOPPING CENTRE GRAVE RELOCATION**

**BACKGROUND**

G&A Heritage was appointed by EcoTechnik Environmental Consultants to undertake a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) for the proposed Mahwereleng Shopping Centre Expansion in the Mogalakwena Local Municipality, Waterberg District of Limpopo Province, South Africa. The proposed shopping centre expansion area is approximately 3,08ha. The area will be cleared and levelled where necessary. Site offices may be erected as well as temporary structures where machinery and other equipment will be housed. The study area is located on Erven 1, 2 and 3 Mahwereleng A1 and Erf 1684 Madiba on the Remainder of the Farm Macalacskop 243 KR (Mogalakwena Local Municipality, Waterberg District of the Limpopo Province), just off Dudu Madisha Drive in Mahwereleng at the GPS point 24° 08' 25.54" S 28° 58' 11.30" E. The area is believed to contain approximately +/-20 Historical graves (marked or unmarked, known or unknown) individual graves according to the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) conducted in 2021, all burial grounds and graves are considered to have high social value to various communities. The application is made in terms of Section 35 & 36 (5) of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA) (No. 25 of 1999) and Section 2 (1) of the Removal of Graves and Dead Bodies Ordinance (No. 7 of 1925), the Exhumations Ordinance (No. 12 of 1980) and the Human Tissues Act (No. 65 of 1983 as amended), as well as the relevant local regulations. Through the current ongoing grave identification and verification process, various family representatives have come forward to claim the graves. Please note details of public meetings to be held to engage grave claimants to verify and confirm the location of their graves.

**MEETING INFORMATION**

Formal notice is herewith provided of four public meeting opportunities for any I&APs, NoK, or people who might be descendants of the deceased to assist with identification of the grave owners and discuss potential management options of the affected graves going forward. Any persons with any knowledge of these graves, or their descendants to please come forward. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, we aim to limit each meeting to no more than 100 attendees at a time within the closed venue.

**Dates:** 19 March 2022, 2 April 2022, Mokopane Multi-Purpose Centre

**Time:** 09:30-13:00

Please register for the meeting by emailing or sending an sms/WhatsApp to, or calling: Email: [reachpublic@gmail.com](mailto:reachpublic@gmail.com), Cell: 079 514 7611

**MAHWERELENG MALL GRAVE RELOCATION PUBLIC MEETING**

**COVID-19 Meeting Attendance Screening Form**

Temperature (C°):- \_\_\_\_\_ Date:- \_\_\_\_\_

Attendee Name:	YES/NO?	
Are you over 60 years of age?	YES	NO
Do you have a preexisting condition such as lung disease, heart disease, diabetes, kidney disease or an autoimmune disorder?	YES	NO
Are you experiencing shortness of breath or trouble breathing?	YES	NO
Do you have a temperature of 100.4° F or higher?	YES	NO
Are you experiencing a sore throat?	YES	NO
Are you coughing?	YES	NO
Are you experiencing repeated shaking with chills?	YES	NO
Do you have muscle aches?	YES	NO
Are you experiencing gastrointestinal changes?	YES	NO
Have you noticed a loss of smell or taste?	YES	NO
Have you had contact with a known or suspected COVID-19-positive person?	YES	NO
In the last 14 days, have you traveled to an area that has a high incidence of COVID-19?	YES	NO
<i>If yes to the question above, please specify:</i>		

Legal Disclaimer: This form is for Covid-19 compliance purposes only. Consult with your attorney and your professional liability carrier to ensure that all of the informed consent forms comply with the local disaster management act/health law. \*Protected in terms of POPIA 2020

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**Figure 4: Covid-19 Flyer, Screening**

**Table 1: Discussions on 19 March 2022**

Issues/Concerns/Comments from Attendees	Response
<p><b>Participant (Mrs Mapulane):</b> The participant is representing the Mapulane family, indicated that her 2 son’s graves buried in 1963 and 1966 were already destroyed by the development of the current mall and that she does not know how we will be able to assist her to locate those graves.</p>	<p><b>Ms Matabane:</b> Indicated that this issue is noted and that we will revert back to her following an internal discussion.</p>
<p><b>Participant (Mr Tauyatswala):</b> Indicated that he would prefer that a radio broadcast be undertaken to identify other families who may have graves &amp; that the families represented here are incomplete, there could be other people and he is concerned that they are being left out of the process.</p>	<p><b>Ms Matabane:</b> We understand that there may be graves that do not have claimants and that these are dealt with through a separate process. .</p>
<p><b>Participant Mrs (Kau):</b> indicated that she represents her mother, who has problems with her legs they have 1 grave on the property</p> <p><b>Participant Mr (Sethusa):</b> stated that their 2 graves lay along the existing mall fence and that his family has no objection to their removal relocation. He does not want others</p>	<p><b>Ms Langa and Ms Matabane:</b> stated that there will be a map provided in the next meeting to assist in identifying the affected parties whose graves fall within the proposed area.</p>
<p><b>Participant (Mr KwaKwa):</b> Requested that Ms Matabane restate her capacity and role as he apologetically arrived late, and to explain if there will be any unearthing or digging of the area.</p>	<p><b>Ms Matabane:</b> Indicated that this was a briefing to present the expansion of the mall. The family members firstly need time to discuss this issue amongst themselves.</p>
<p><b>Participant (Mr KwaKwa):</b> He further followed up asking if there are those who do not consent will be forced to sign consent.</p>	<p><b>Ms Matabane:</b> clarified that this is not a mine and that there will be no mining in the area, only the expansion of the mall and nothing else. She stated that she understands the history of the mining in the area and that this is not a mining project and no mining will occur on the proposed site. She stated no one will be forced, we are engaged in this process so that there are agreements between the parties and that the graves are relocated with consent. She further emphasised the importance of ensuring the attendance of these meetings to guide the legislated process.</p>
<p><b>Participant (Ms Maimela):</b> stated that she would prefer questions and comments come at the end of the presentation in the interest of time.</p>	<p><b>Ms Matabane</b> proceeded to outline that the process will require attendance at the next meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April at the same venue, SMS’s and telephonic communications with each family will continue and they will be notified and reminded of the next meetings. In the interest of time Ms Matabane proceeded with the meeting without the scheduled brief tea break.</p>

Issues/Concerns/Comments from Attendees	Response
<p><b>Participant (Mr Langa):</b> Elaborated that this is a briefing to ensure participants of the process and the purpose of the graves to be relocated.</p>	<p><b>Ms Matabane</b> supported by stated that this is indeed a meeting to provide the project background and to request families to begin engaging on how they would prefer their individual family graves be relocated. She further requested that if there are any areas that are unclear representatives are welcome to contact her directly via her cell to request further clarity. She stated that there are other relevant stakeholders who will be requested to attend the other meetings to clarify their role in the process.</p> <p><b>Ms Matabane</b> requested that he please request consent from the participants for the recording prior and indicated that this is a briefing gathering although there is a formal agenda</p>
<p><b>Participant (Mr KwaKwa):</b> Begun recording the meeting on his cell phone.*He then proceeded to request to record the meeting-none responded.</p>	
<p><b>Participant Mr (Phiri):</b> stated that there is 1 grave where they are sure with a headstone of his family member, but there are 3 other graves where they are unsure or uncertain where the graves are. He asked what will happen?</p>	<p><b>Ms Matabane</b> indicated that there are methods and process we can engage to assist his family to locate their graves. She asked if there is anyone else who doesn't know here their graves are? -none responded. She then elaborated that there are traces in the soil and machines that we can use to see and assist in identifying where there are indicators of graves or a burial.</p>
<p><b>Participant (Mr KwaKwa):</b> commented requesting the local tribesman be present at the next meeting to provide consent for the relocation of the graves to the traditional burial ground and not the local municipal cemetery</p>	<p><b>Ms Matabane</b> stated that an invitation to will be forwarded to request his/their presence</p>



Ms Matabane thanked all the participants for their time and the meeting was adjourned at 10:59, whilst the attendees were appreciated for their engagements and efforts.

The meeting was recorded, as per the POIA any and all meeting recordings can be provided upon written request.

## **Background to Second Public Meeting 2 April 2022 and its Objectives**

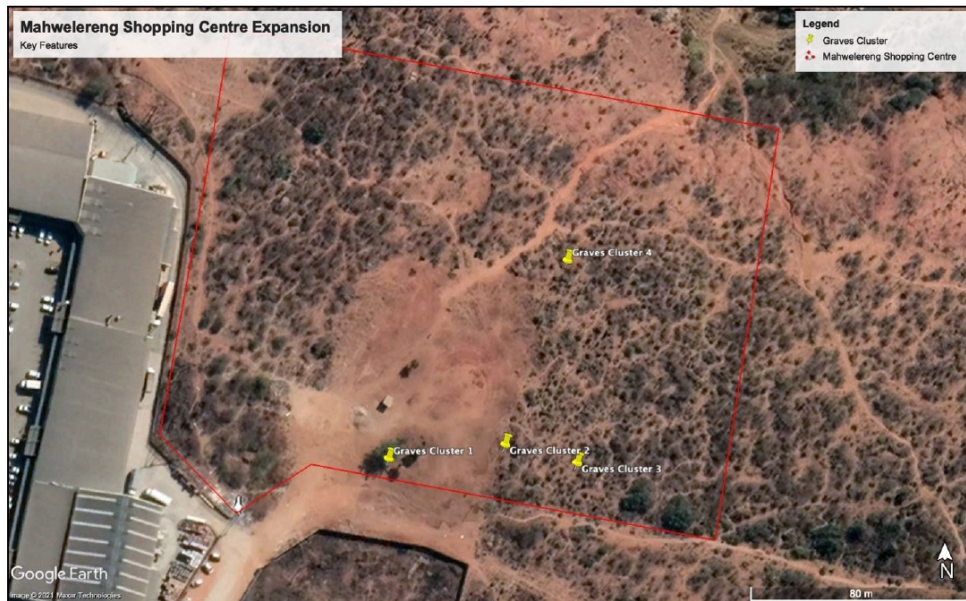
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It was explained that this part of the process is referred to as the grave identification & verification process will include physical on-site confirmation of the graves, and the deceased to ensure the graves affected are within the proposed affected area, as there are graves that fall outside the proposed area. The attendees were requested to provide their contact details in an informal gathering at the gravesite and provide details of where their graves are.

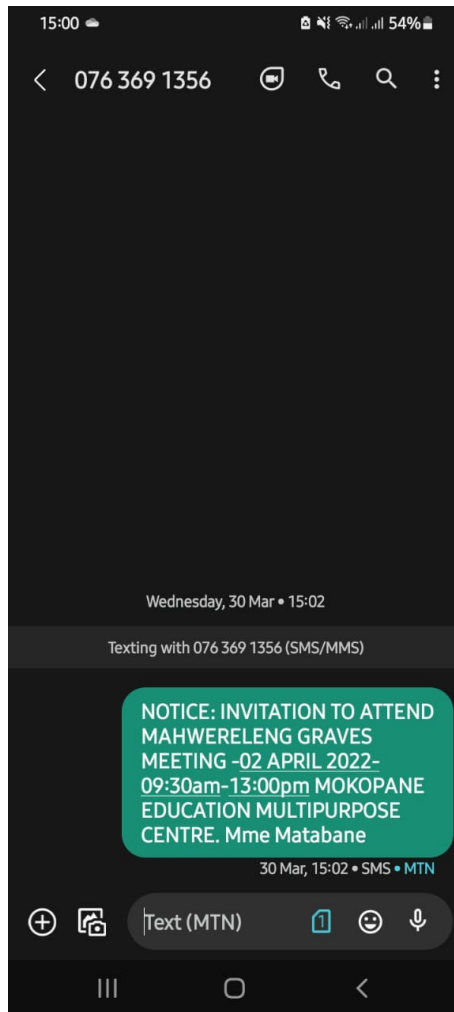
A follow-up formal public meeting is scheduled & arranged and held on 23 March 2022 to communicate the wake fees and request the community members to proceed with the permit application process. This meeting was also to present the wake fee process and dispel rumours about families receiving millions of Rands or large amounts of money for the relocation of their family and/or ancestral graves.

This meeting was also opened to external stakeholders that included the requested Cogsta, local municipality, Limpopo provincial heritage authority, the South African heritage resources agency as well as representatives from the local tribal/ traditional authority. A presentation from the GMI representative Mr Langa as well as the local tribesman (Mr Lekalakala) was noted and the details of which are below.

The meeting was chaired by Ms Matabane and translated by Mr Langa (where necessary) from GMI Group, the meeting was attended by a total of 45 participants as well as Ms L Sereme from Reach Archaeology Consulting. Pictures of the graves were handed out to attendees along with site maps that were placed around the entrance of the meeting hall for participants to familiarise themselves with the area. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing protocols were followed, including the use of face masks and hand sanitisers.



**Figure 1:** Picture of the site proposed map provided to participants



**Figure 2:** SMS notifications sent to participants for attendance

## **Meeting Introductions**

The meeting commenced promptly at 10:05 with a prayer by Ms Sereme, subsequently, Ms Matabane introduced herself and extended a welcome to all attendees as well as the representatives from the local traditional authority; the local tribesman Mr Lekalakala. Ms Matabane explained that on behalf of G&A Heritage, Reach Archaeology Consulting was appointed by Mahwelereng. Malls' GMI Group to affect the public participation compliance of the NHRA. She stated that the aim of this meeting is also to request the families agree on exhumation and reburial logistics. She explained that the meeting will follow the prescribed agenda and noted apologies from families that there unable to attend due to funerals in their respective homes.

Ms Matabane began by introducing the BID, and stated that the relocation process requires a 60days notification and public engagement process as outlined in the BID (that was provided to the participants in both English, Sepedi & XiVenda), which indicates the GMI group is looking to expand the shopping centre, she indicated on the map posted and distributed that the area within the red outline is the proposed area and it will be expanding its current area and that the graves will need to be relocated to ensure their protection and conservation. She further explained that only families with graves within the proposed area will be affected by the relocation process.

She indicated that we need to reach an agreement with regards to the relocation of each family's graves, the families need to guide this process by informing us of their burial and/or religious affiliations in writing. She expanded by explaining that the logistics behind the relocation may cause internal contention and that the families need to agree to this internally first and that at least 3 at most 5 family representatives from each family will be required to sign consent.

She indicated that there will be a final meeting going forward and that community members will be required to attend that meeting such that they can participate in the process and provide the necessary documentation with respect to the legal requirements. She asked if there are any individuals/ families who are opposed to the relocation of their graves to please communicate with her via text, WhatsApp and/or cell through a please-call-me service and provided her cell and email details.

Ms Matabane explained that there this process of relocation is legislated and that when applying for a permit from SAHRA, SAPS, Municipality and the local tribesmen authorisation will be required and that these relevant stakeholders had been invited to this public meeting accordingly, to explain their role in the relocation process. She then introduced Mr Lekalakala who proceeded to thank the attendees and began providing background on his presence and his role, he further explained that the

Tribal Authority has no objections to the reinternment of those deceased buried in the proposed project area and stated that they would like to ensure the process is undertaken with respect of customs, cultures and belief systems. Mr Lekalakala indicated that he reports back to the King as a chief and that the Ga-Moshate Local Tribal Authority has been suspended but that he is able to advise on administrative tasks whilst he was requested and appointed as headman by the council. He explained that they are graves within the boundary of their chieftaincy and that the graves on his side he will ensure their consent for reburial in their designated tribal burial area. HE indicated that he has no knowledge of graves that are/ were the Mahwereleng Mall is located.

He indicated that he will ensure to report back to the chieftaincy of the project and that the families who wish to rebury on the traditional land will not be opposed provided that they can ensure payment of the burial areas are completed prior to reburial and provide adequate timeframes such that they can ensure the gravediggers are given sufficient time to prepare the specific number of graves. He also requested families to remember that this is not an opportunity to get rich and/ think of this as an opportunity to make money, rather to see this as an opportunity to bury their deceased with dignity, he reminded attendees that these processes are well known and are in line with the laws and that these are well known in this area. He thanked everyone for attending and requested that we continue in the interest of time.

Ms Matabane requested any questions regarding Mr Lekalakala's presentation, but none responded. Ms Matabane went on to explain that the grave identification and verification process is underway with some families having already been contacted to verify their graves on-site, with others being requested to do so following the adjournment of the meeting referring to the site mat.

Ms Matabane clarified that Reach Archaeology Consulting is an independent consultant reporting to G&A Heritage and explained that the process of grave relocations follows a legislated process (see attached Meeting Agenda Appendix E ). She further explained that the graves that are to be affected fall within the area, and that families are requested to discuss amongst themselves the individual costs associated with the relocation of their graves and to outline what those costs are and state these in writing. She explained that these costs will guide the wake fee per family and that this will be agreed upon in the next meeting.

A presentation by the local tribesman Mr Lekalalaka proceeded with a brief presentation by GMI representative Mr Langa wherein Mr Langa clarified that the families are to indicate where their graves are to be relocated to and clarify and agree on the wake fee. Mr Langa explained that the wake fee will be a fixed amount and that each family will receive the same amount and that no family can

expect an amount more than another. This amount will depend on the families and this must be settled in time for the next meeting. Ms Matabane asked if there are any questions following Mr Langa's presentation, but none responded.

Ms Matabane explained that a grave relocation process and the permit is required to remove the graves, will require their certified ID copies as well as their signed consent. Ms Matabane confirmed that no grave was going to be relocated at this stage, as the mine firstly wanted to identify the owners of these graves. In this way, she elaborated upon the purpose of the meeting, which was to identify family representatives who can make decisions for these graves and to verify where their graves lie on the property. She explained that in the next meeting a site map will be provided to ensure that the identified families are the relevant individuals and that if there are individuals with graves outside the proposed area that they would need to make a submission to the developers to include their graves in the relocation of the current graves.

She further explained that she will extend another invitation to Cogsta to request their attendance at the next meeting to respond to the issues regarding the tribal authority recognition in the area. She indicated this is beyond the scope of this process and these meetings but indicated that she will do her best to request their attendance.

Ms Matabane explained that this is the first undertaking in the process of relocating the graves and that it is a lengthy process and that the graves will not be relocated soon. She did however indicate the process begins with them submitting their documents and associated requests for the wake fees, she requested participants to please return to the next meeting with a list of requests specific to each family as well as their certified ID Copies.

The floor was opened for discussion, questions and queries, the deliberations and associated responses are tabled below.



**Figure 3:** Participants at the meeting held in the multi-purpose centre (02.04.2022)

**Table 1: Discussions on 2 April 2022**

Issues/Concerns/Comments from Attendees	Response
<p><b>Participant (Mr ):</b> Raised a concern about the meeting venue having been assumed to be on site and not the Multi-purpose Centre</p>	<p><b>Ms Matabane:</b> Indicated that this issue is noted and referred him back to the SMS’s reminders and notice’s sent out</p>
<p><b>Participant (Mr):</b></p>	<p><b>Ms Matabane:</b> We understand that there may be graves that do not have claimants and that these are dealt with through a separate process. .</p>
<p><b>Participant Mrs (Kau):</b> indicated that she represents her mother, who has problems with her legs they have 1 grave on the property</p> <p><b>Participant Mr (Sethusa):</b> stated that their 2 graves lay along the existing mall fence and that his family has no objection to their removal relocation. He does not want others</p>	<p><b>Ms Langa and Ms Matabane:</b> stated that there will be a map provided in the next meeting to assist in identifying the affected parties whose graves fall within the proposed area.</p>
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<p><b>Participant (Mr KwaKwa):</b> He further followed up asking if there are those who do not consent will be forced to sign consent.</p>	<p><b>Ms Matabane:</b> clarified that this is not a mine and that there will be no mining in the area, only the expansion of the mall and nothing else. She stated that she understands the history of the mining in the area and that this is not a mining project and no mining will occur on the proposed site. She stated no one will be forced, we are engaged in this process so that there are agreements between the parties and that the graves are relocated with consent. She further emphasised the importance of ensuring the attendance of these meetings to guide the legislated process.</p>
<p><b>Participant (Ms Maimela):</b> stated that she would prefer questions and comments come at the end of the presentation in the interest of time.</p>	<p><b>Ms Matabane</b> proceeded to outline that the process will require attendance at the next meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April at the same venue, SMS’s and telephonic communications with each family will continue and they will be notified and reminded of the next meetings. In the interest of time Ms Matabane proceeded with the meeting without the scheduled brief tea break.</p>



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Ms Matabane thanked all the participants for their time and the meeting was adjourned at 11:20, whilst the attendees were appreciated for their engagements and efforts. She reminded all of the next meetings to be held on 23 April 2022 at the same venue 09:30 for 10:00, to allow families to deliberate over the costs incurred due to the relocation process and to bring along their lists of requests.

The meeting was recorded, as per the POIA any and all meeting recordings can be provided upon written request.

## **Purpose of meeting**

In the previous public meeting held on 19 March 2022, the verification process was discussed with the community. The direct descendants/ next-of-kin of the people whose graves are within the demarcated area for construction were identified and the relevant stakeholders were also invited to this meeting to provide a presentation on their role in the process. Ms Matabane indicated that the attempts to have the relevant stakeholders present have not yet resulted in a response but that Reach Archaeology consulting will continue to make attempts

This meeting is for collecting all the documentation required from the families. Ms. Matabane mentioned that the graves that are currently being dealt with are those that are within the demarcated area. Those that are outside of this area will be dealt with at a later stage through a separate mitigation process. A total 16 attendees were present at this public meeting, held at the Mokopane Multi-Purpose Centre.

## **Meeting introduction**

The meeting commenced at 09:30 am. The meeting began with introductions of the team. The attendees were informed that the meeting was being recorded and will be made available upon request.

Ms. Matabane welcomed the families that were in attendance. A recap of the previous meeting, on 2 April 2022, where it was discussed just to reacquaint the attendees of what has happened and what is to be expected. Ba Ga-Moshate were part of the previous meeting and they presented at this meeting. They were, however, not available for the current meeting, but will avail themselves should the need arise in a separate meeting with the other relevant stakeholders, this meeting will most likely be during the day and the attendees will be SMS's to attend.

Furthermore, Ms. Matabane explained to them that this meeting was more about getting the relevant documents to confirm that the families that have identified and consent to the relocation present their ID Copies, proof of residence and bank confirmation letters. They were also asked to submit the documentation that was requested of them.

his documentation included: a certified copy of their ID, proof of bank account as well as a proof of residence. Ms. Matabane explained that ba Ga-Moshate will require this documentation as well as all the other permitting authorities to ensure the number of burial plots is appropriately prepared for reburial and to comply with the national heritage resources act 25 of 19999. Many of the attendees did not have all their documentation on hand. Ms. Matabane asked that they either brought their documentation with them at the next meeting or alternatively send them to Ms. Monaise via email.

The families were also asked to record in writing what they would require for their graves to be removed, specifically in terms of cultural requirements i.e. a cow, chickens etc. It was reiterated that each family will be going to receive the same wake fee. No one is going to get less or more than the other. Those who only had one representative at the meeting were asked to go back and have discussions with their families as to what they would require to relocate the graves. Those who did not bring and/or have their supporting documents were also requested to either send them via email or/ have them present at the next meeting.

The floor was opened for any questions, comments or issues, none were raised aside from a slight comment regarding the date of exhumation. Ms Matabane indicated because we are following a legislative approach, we will only be able to advise on that date as soon as we've submitted the relevant documents and received the permits. Another question regarding the date of the next meeting was raised, Ms Matabane indicated that due to the nature of the request for the relevant stakeholders we will communicate that upon confirmation from the relevant officials of their availability, as soon as we have a confirmed date they will be SMS's sent out to request the attendees avail themselves for the final public meeting.

The representatives from the families who were available for this meeting also filled in Sworn affidavits and those who had copies that were not certified were escorted to the nearby police station to have these certified. The families will be taken to a commissioner so the affidavits can be authenticated and signed. Attendees who were unable to read or write were assisted with the documentation and appropriate attendance registers. Attendees were also requested to speak to other families who were unable to attend to contact us via please call me or email in order to submit their documents.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.



Figure 4: Images of the attendees present at public meeting on 23 April