**PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE EXHUMATION AND RELOCATION OF THE GRAVE ON ROAD D2969 BETWEEN MANZINI AND SWALILI IN THE EHLANZENI DISTRICT, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

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1. **THE ROAD REHABILITATION AND HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT IN TERMS OF SECTION 38 OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT**

The above road is under rehabilitation. The project owners are the Department of Public Works Road and Transport, Mpumalanga Province. The road was surfaced with asphalt. By “rehabilitation” it is implied that the surface has developed potholes and other structural problems which require physical repair. Rehabilitation includes patching up or complete overlay of a new asphalt surface, rehabilitation of the edges and any other interventions deemed necessary within the servitude area. In essence rehabilitation of this nature is not considered a new development project. Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Acts (25/1999) prescribing a Heritage Impact Assessment therefore is not applicable.

However in the case in point, members of the local community have indicated the location of a burial of a deceased relative within the limits of the road’s servitude (Lat: 25˚ 10′ 44.69″, Long: 31˚ 08′ 11.09″). While the name of the deceased has been supplied as MAKILE LEGANENKO, the age of the burial is not certain. However an age bracket of within the last 100 years can reasonably be assigned.



 Fig. 1. Map of the area showing the location of the grave site

1. **DETAILS OF THE ACTION/S FOR WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE**

The excavation will be preceded by rites in accordance with funerary tradition in the area. The exhumation will be conducted with strict adherence to archaeological salvage methods. This project is therefore treated as an archaeological excavation in which the following things will be noted

* Grave marker (if any)
* Stratigraphy
* Nature of grave fill and burial chamber
* Burial posture and orientation
* Grave goods (if any)
* State of conservation/completeness of the skeletal remains

A decision has been made by the community in consultation with local authorities that the remains will be moved to a formal cemetery, Phola Cemetery. The re-interment will be done in accordance with local funerary rites.

The Department of Public Works, Road and Transport has hired a funeral home for the logistics to move the remains to the formal cemetery

1. **DETAILS OF EFFORTS MADE TO CONTACT AND CONSULT COMMUNITIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO BY TRADITION HAVE AN INTEREST IN SUCH GRAVE OR BURIAL GROUND**

This application is in response to the wishes of relatives of the deceased as expressed in an affidavit prepared and signed by Ms Alleta Khoza (grandchild of the deceased) before a Commissioner of Oaths (see attachment). Further to that and in addition the Traditional Authority represented by Chief T. F. Mashego has granted consent for the exhumation to be done in accordance with the wishes of the deceased’s next of kin.

1. **NAME, CONTACT DETAILS, QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF THE ARCHAEOLOGIST WHO WILL SUPERVISE THE WORK**

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