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SITE INSPECTION REPORT: Magoro Community in Giyani Limpopo

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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 site visit at Magoro Hill in Giyani Limpopo Province on the 9th of March 2021.

3. Background

On the 15th of February 2021, The HPU received a complaint from Mr Sig Magoro, stating that the Magoro Heritage hill is being endangered by land invasion.

4. Assessment

The HPU conducted a site visit inspection on the 9th of March 2021 at the Magoro Hill in Giyani Limpopo. The site visit meeting was attended by the Magoro Family representatives, the Magoro Chief, Mr Steyn and his wife who is a journalist and the HPU delegates.

Upon arrival, the team noticed a ‘Notice Board’ stating that there are stands available for sale. The stands are located opposite the Magoro Hill. The Magoro family stated that the land which the stands were being sold is under ‘Land Claims’ and cannot be touched. The team also observed that the land had already be divided and demarcated into stands.



Picture 1: The Notice Board



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The team went up the Magoro hill to view where the Chiefs of the village have been buried. The mountain/hill has over 300 graves from the Anglo Boer War. The site has indeed some great and profound heritage.



Figure 2: The Site where the Chiefs are buried. Figure 3: The area with over 300 Graves

5. Conclusion

In conclusion, there is no physical damage to the Magoro Hill. The opposite land to the Magoro hill cannot be touched, until the land claim has been finalized by the Department of Land Affairs. In order to safeguard the Magoro Hill, the site can be nominated for Grading and Declaration. Nomination forms and the process of grading and declaration has been sent to the Magoro family.



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