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SITE INSPECTION REPORT: Mogalakwena Mine

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HERITAGE PROTECTION UNIT

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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 Anglo American- Mogala Kwena Mine in Limpopo on the 9th of June 2021.

3. Background

On the 26th of May 2021, the HPU received a complaint by the Nyapotse Inc Attorneys, representing the Rooibokfontien Relocation Committee.

4. Meeting Undertaking

On the 9th of June 2021, the HPU met with Anglo American Mine: Mogala Kwena Mine, Internal Archaeologists and the family representative.

It was stated in the meeting that the process started in 2019, and they had appointed PGS Consulting company to do a study. The study stated that the site had +-167 graves on the site. An HIA was done in 2002 by Julius Pretorius. The public consultations were done with the community members and there was an intentional resistance against the relocation of the graves. The community members stated that the graves will not be removed until their demands have been met.



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Figure 1&2: The Grave and the public notification notice

The mine has plans of developing the local community, viz; Installation of Solar, Water Supply, School maintenance, Grading and maintenance of the road. However, the mine is still in consultation phase and only 10 families have agreed for the relocation. The mine is willing to compensate R10 000 per grave.

The Mine has stated that they do not have a problem with the community members coming on site to perform the rituals, however, the mine needs to be informed on time.

The delegation proceeded to do a site visit. Upon arrival the team could only identify one grave and the family member stated that some of the graves are under the mine dump. It is alleged that the mine has been dumping on some of the graves.



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Figure 3: The Mine dumps

There are still some housings remaining around the vicinity. The community refuses to relocate and insist on staying there.



Figure 4: The remaining Housing

5. Recommendations

- It is recommended that the mine should forward all the studies to SAHRA.
- To send SAHRA the Long demands made by the community members.



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- To outline all the intended projects (short and Long Term)

6. Conclusion

In conclusion, another meeting should be held with all the interested and affected parties for a way forward.

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