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## Adansonia Heritage Consultants

## SAHRA

**Pilgrims Rest** 

**111 Harrington Str** 

Cape Town

## SAHRA ref: 10894

Mjejane Game Reserve Erf 1 portions 42 & 43.

4<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear Christine,

Our LOA dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and SAHRA Notification dated 02<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 refers.

Your appointment to investigate the rock piles found scattered on portions 42 and 43 resulted as a consequence of residential development that was planned for these portions and halted on the basis of your report. It was not clear as to whether these may be graves and the decision was taken to follow the correct procedures.

The owners of the portions requested that an application be submitted to exhume and relocate the graves to a more suitable burial site on the property. AHC was appointed to lodge the application on behalf of the property owners and the full and correct procedure was followed. The permit was obtained and notices published for public comment. There was no claim or reaction to the notice forthcoming from the public or local communities. The process was stopped by the local Nkomazi municipality due to the sensitivity of the subject.



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Local communities have confirmed that no members of their people were ever buried at this place.

The stone piles are located close to land that was previously cultivated by a commercial farmer. It is still unclear as to the origin of the stones which are placed in an untidy manner and may possibly have been removed from the lands to enable cultivation of crops.

The development of residential homes on this portion needs to proceed and investors are entitled to an answer as to whether these are graves or heaps of stones from the lands. We would therefore like to appeal to you to apply for a test permit from SAHRA to determine the possible existence of human remains.

The result of these tests will then determine the process to be followed.

It would also be appreciated if the application could be expedited as we have experienced considerable delays to this point.

Yours faithfully

Ernest van der Merwe General manager Mjejane Game Reserve



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