



Date: 20th March 2017

Attention of: Manager
Amafa aKwaZulu-Natali
195 Langalibalele St
Pietermaritzburg
3201

TO WHO IT MAY CONCERN

**RE: MOTIVATION FOR RELOCATION OF A TRADITIONAL GRAVE LOCATED A SITE
EARMARKED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF UMFOLOZI THETHA 765KV POWERLINE IN KZN
PROVINCE.**

This matter has reference. Seventeen (17) graves were identified on the direct footprint of the proposed Umfolozi Thetha 765kv powerline in in Ulundi Local Municipality in KwaZulu Natal Province (See attached HIA Report). The affected graves are located at three closely related sites. The affected burials cannot be preserved *in situ* given their location in relation to the proposed development. A 20m buffer zone is not possible given the size of the affected properties. Furthermore, the affected families may not be able to access the site even if it were to be spared. The affected families want the graves to be relocated to one site near their homesteads a few kilometers away from the affected site.

The proposed development will certainly impact on all the three burial sites. It is therefore recommended that the burial site be moved to a safer place where the families will have easy access to the grave should they wish to conduct rituals at the family graves. The affected family (Mbatha) consented and the Mbatha

Tribal Authority as well as the Ulundi Local Municipality have endorsed the proposed relocation of the affected grave (See attached letters). Furthermore, the Eskom Transmission has set aside a budget for the relocation of the affected grave. Professional services providers have been appointed to facilitate and relocate the affected graves (See attached appointment letters).

We therefore recommend that Amafa aKwaZulu Natali approve the proposed relocation of the affected burial.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dr. McEdward Murimbika', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. McEdward Murimbika
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