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Dear Troy and Ndukuyakhe

**Permit Application No: 80/07/07/011/51 –
Elawini Lifestyle Estate, Nelspruit, Mpumalanga**

You will recall that this application concerns the relocation of an informal cemetery consisting of around 74 graves, rough stone cairns mostly unknown, the known ones mostly less than 60 years old. However the applicant indicates that social sources indicate that (some of?) the graves are re older than 60 years old.

The situation is complicated by the fact that although the family identified by the permit applicant have agreed to the relocation, one person has in fact objected to the relocation.

In terms of section 36 SAHRA is obliged to.....

You will recall that we sent you the details last year and that Alitta Motloun agreed to undertake a site visit to assess the situation and then that was canceled. The permit therefore reached an impasse. We then asked if Ndukuyakhe Ndlovu would conduct a site visit to assess the bona vides of the objections as these had been called into question. However later we were informed that this would not be possible.

I am puzzled y this stance as I believe that when we reach an impasse in a decision making process a site bisit is the normal result. However that may be we must no take a step forward.

We have now delayed response to their meeting in a way that is seriously problematic in terms of PAJA but it seems to have been unavoidable given our respective commitments.

However we cannot accept the current impasse.

I am concerned that the legislation does not allow us to delay a permit because we are worried about the consequences of issuing it. We must make every effort to ascertain what the situation is and must then make a decision accordingly.

I suggest therefore we send the attached letter to the applicant.

We were under the impression that you received a copy of this permit application from the applicants and have been awaiting comment. However it is possible that you do not have it and so we fax it in its entirety for your **urgent** comment, please.

We would be glad if you could send us a formal letter including your comments.

We have forwarded the proposal regarding the BGG Unit taking on the management of burial permits to management and look forward to their approval, so that we can discuss process with you.

Many thanks

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