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**THE SWAZI RAIL LINK PROJECT – EXHUMATION AND
RELOCATION OF GRAVES ON NEWSTEAD FARM NREAR
LOTHAIR IN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY,
MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

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1. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

Transnet Group Capital has appointed Mbofho Consulting and Project Managers (MCPM) for the following task:

THE SWAZI RAIL LINK PROJECT – EXHUMATION AND RELOCATION OF GRAVES ON NEWSTEAD FARM NEAR LOTHAIR IN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

Transnet SOC Limited (hereafter referred to as Transnet) is a government (state) owned company (SOC) and is the custodian of South Africa's railway, ports and pipelines, thereby responsible for delivering reliable freight transport and handling services that satisfy customer demand. Transnet in collaboration with Swaziland Railway identified the construction and upgrade of the railway line between Davel in Mpumalanga and Richards Bay in KwaZulu- Natal, connecting via the Swaziland rail network, as a strategic project. The aim of the project is to unlock the potential of a multinational strategic rail corridor and divert general freight traffic off the dedicated heavy haul Richards Bay coal line which runs from Ermelo through rural Kwa-Zulu Natal to Richards Bay.

The project scope of work consists of various streams of work, including the upgrading of existing railway sections and construction of an entirely new rail link from Lothair (RSA) to Sidvokodvo in Swaziland.

The proposed development has necessitated the relocation of forty-three (43) graves located on the farm Bloemkrans Portion 12 on the outskirts of Lothair (26°23'52.50"S, 30°25'27.00"E). The exhumed remains will be reinterred at the municipal cemetery in Silindile Township (26°23'51.93"S, 30°27'16.85"E).



Figure 1: Locality map.

2. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

A comprehensive situation analysis has been conducted relying heavily on a public participation process. As already stated the burial ground on the Farm Bloemkrans Portion 12 holds 43 individuals. Four families have been identified represented by Ms Regina Mathebula (11 graves)¹, Ms Tobina Nkosi (16 graves)², Ms Becrosbe Ngwenya (1 grave), and Ms Thoko Zwane (3 graves) together accounting for thirty-one (31) graves. Of these seven (7) graves are more than 60 years old. Twelve graves were not identified. This brings the total to nineteen (19) the number of graves which require SAHRA permitting in terms of Section 36 of the National Heritage Resources Act for their relocation:

	NEXT OF KIN	NO OF GRAVES
1	Mrs Thoko Zwane	3
2	Mrs Regina Mathebula	3
3	Msesi Simelane	1
5	Unidentified graves	12

¹ The group prepared three separate consent affidavits.

² The group prepared seven separate consent affidavits.

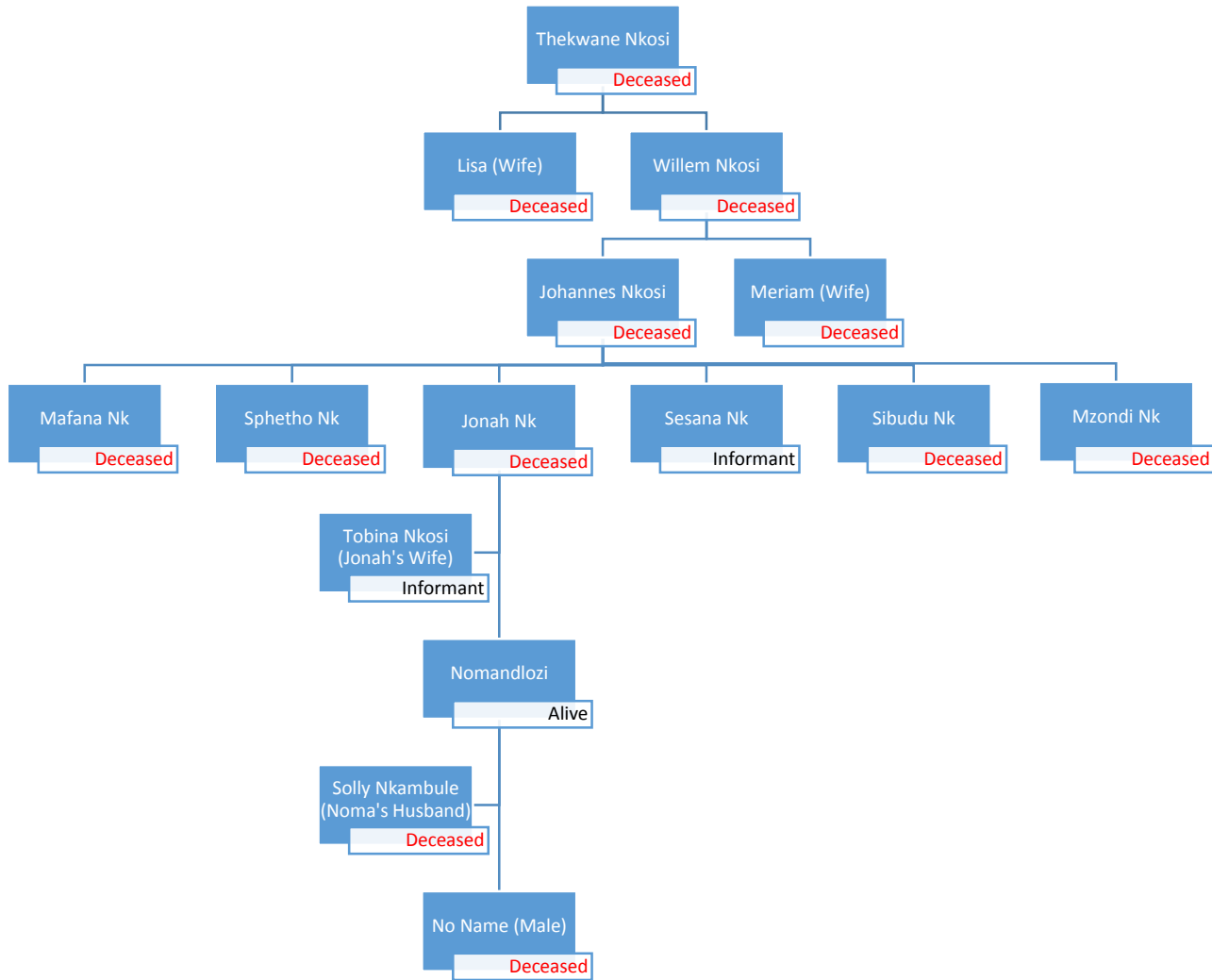
	TOTAL	19
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3. CATALOGUE OF NEXT OF KIN


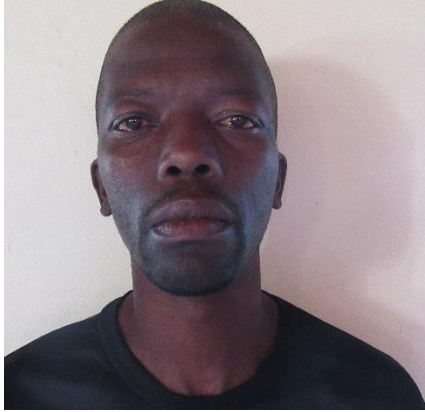
SESANA ZIMELANE / TOBINA NKOSI 01

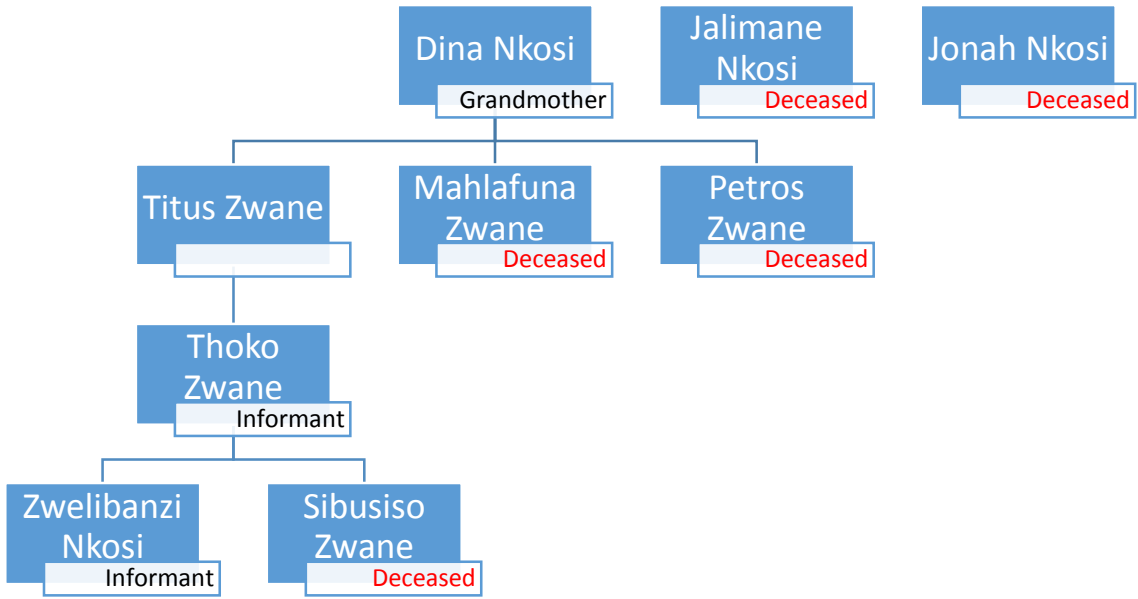
SURNAME	Masina	FIRST NAME	Nonhlanhla	CLAIM NO	01
 <p>Sesana Zimelane</p>		 <p>Tobina N Nkosi</p>			
DOB			ID		
PLACE OF BIRTH	Bloemkrans		PROVINCE	Mpumalanga	
ADDRESS	Ermelo Informal Settlements		TOWN	Ermelo	
CELL	076 745 4133		EMAIL	-	
NO OF GRAVES	Sixteen (16) ³				
PROPOSED REMEDIAL ACTION	Traditional ceremony, beer, cow, catering From A to B				
INFORMANT ID	 				
ATTACHMENTS					
RECORDED BY	M.A Silidi / E. Matenga	INSTITUTION	Mbofho Consulting and Project Managers		
DATE	24 April 2018				

³ The group prepared seven separate consent affidavits.




THOKO ZWANE / ZWELIBANZI NKOSI 02

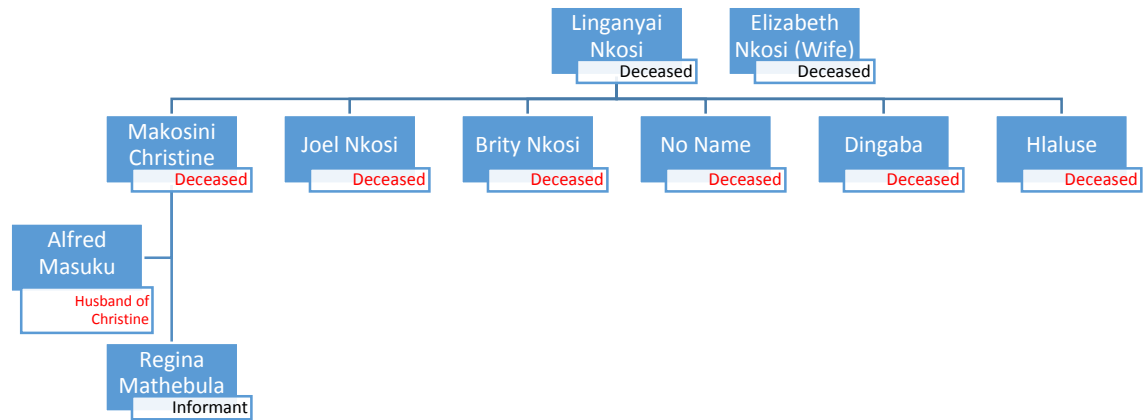
SURNAME	Zwane	FIRST NAME	Thoko	CLAIM NO	02
					
Thoko Zwane		Awelibanzi Nkosi			
DOB	1954	ID			
PLACE OF BIRTH	Bloemkrans	PROVINCE	Mpumalanga		
ADDRESS	130 Silindile	TOWN	Lothair		
CELL	071 531 6441	EMAIL	-		
NO OF GRAVES	Three (3)				
PROPOSED REMEDIAL ACTION	Traditional ceremony with package of requirements. From A to B				
INFORMANT ID	X				
Deceased Docs	X				
RECORDED BY	M.A Silidi / E. Matenga	INSTITUTION	Mbofho Consulting and Project Managers		
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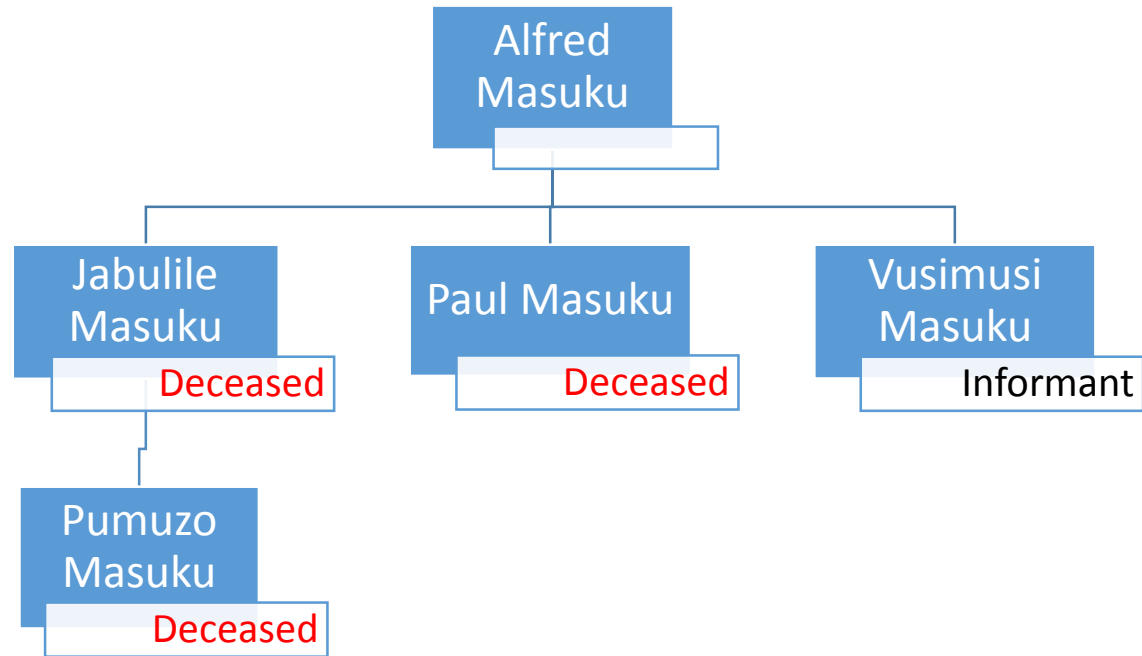


DORAH NKOSI 03

SURNAME	Nkosi	FIRST NAME	Dorah	CLAIM NO	03
 <p>Dora Nkosi (1950)</p>		 <p>Vusimusi Masuku (1961)</p>			
 <p>Reginah Mathebula (1960)</p>					
DOB			ID		
PLACE OF BIRTH	Bloemkrans	PROVINCE	Mpumalanga		
ADDRESS	Silindile		TOWN		
CELL			EMAIL	-	
NO OF GRAVES	Eleven (11) ⁴				
PROPOSED REMEDIAL ACTION	Traditional ceremony with package of requirements. From A to B				
Informant ID					
ATTACHMENTS	X				
RECORDED BY	M.A Silidi / E. Matenga	INSTITUTION	Mbofho Consulting and Project Managers		
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BESCROBE NGWENYA / THEMBELIHLE NGCOBO 04

SURNAME	Ngwenya	FIRST NAME	Berscrobe	CLAIM NO	04
					
Becrosbe Ngweya		Thembelihle Ngcobo			
DOB	22 Feb 1960	ID			
PLACE OF BIRTH	Bloemkrans	PROVINCE	Mpumalanga		
ADDRESS	Koolbank	TOWN			
CELL	079 624 6214	EMAIL	-		
NO OF GRAVES	One (1)				
PROPOSED REMEDIAL ACTION	Traditional ceremony with package of requirements. From A to B				
INFORMANT ID					
DECEASED DOCS	X				
RECORDED BY	M.A Silidi / E. Matenga	INSTITUTION	Mbofho Consulting and Project Managers		
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