



KITSO MINE
TSANTSABANE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, POSTMASBURG,
NORTHERN CAPE

PROPOSAL FOR REHABILITATION OF ACCIDENTALLY
DISTURBED GRAVES

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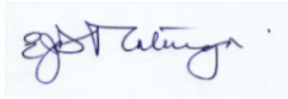
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BRIEF REPORT

1. On 13 September 2018 a meeting on the subject of graves accidentally disturbed at Kitso Mine was held in Kuruman attended by Members of the Maremane Community Property Association and the Stakeholder Relations Manager of Kitso Mine, Mr. Lebohang Lesetedi. Heritage Specialist, Dr Edward Matenga, was invited to attend and to provide oversight on compliance with the heritage Act and cultural rights of communities.
2. The meeting agreed that it was necessary to rehabilitate the opened graves. In order to ascertain what had happened and the number of individuals graves which had been disturbed, it was agreed that witnesses would be called by both the Maremane CPA and Mine officials and testimonies recorded.
3. In October 2018 by mutual agreement the Maremane Community Association and Mine officials decided to suspend the long process to call witnesses. Both parties agreed that reburying the exposed bones and rehabilitation of the graves was a matter of urgency in accordance with local religious sanctions. The Chairperson and Secretary of the Maremane Community Association wrote a memorandum to confirm this decision.
4. The heritage specialist will send an application to the South African Heritage Resources Authority for a permit to rehabilitate the graves in accordance with local customs. The Community will duly provide guidance on rites to be observed.
5. The recommendations that the extent of the burial ground must be mapped and a perimeter fence erected stands as part of the rehabilitation plan.

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