

REPORT ON FOUR GRAVES RELOCATED FROM THE PROPERTY OF
LONMIN PLATINUM
2004. The social consultation process is also discussed. remains at the Tlapa Community Cemetery (Rustenburg District) on the $25^{\text {th }}$ August district, Northwest Province on 24-25 August 2004 and the re-interment of the

This report covers the exhumation of the human remains of 4 individuals from the of 1999 to W.C. Nienaber (in association with H. Steyn). issued under Section 36(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act no. 25

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The agreement between Professional Grave Solutions (Pty) Ltd and Lonmin
Platinum for the completion of the Project: $\underline{\text { Lonmin Grave Relocation Project }}$
This report is submitted in fulfilment of the requirements of;
THE RELOCATION OF 4 GRAVES FROM THE PROPERTY OF LONMIN

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 In order to comply with the above, and taking into account the extreme urgency of the ol porəppe aq osןe isnu səuəŋวuəo
 all graves older than 100 years, are also subject to the stipulations of National

 stipulations of Act 65 of 1983 (Human Tissues Act) as well as relevant Department of Ordinance), while handling and transportation of human remains are subject to the


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to the graves.
It should be noted that Mr. Mangesi were never in any doubt that the graves were
those of his family. Various older people in the vicinity supported his family's claim no further information could be found to confirm the identity of the grave.
 fourth grave, one of the family members claimed that the grave belongs to Shirley was 10 days old) to be relocated. Although he was unsure about the identity of the mother (Annie Mangesi), brother (Koos Mangesi) and son (not named, died when he identified the graves as that of his family and gave permission for the remains of his was located in a nearby village, the closest family member, Mr. Samuel N. Mangesi, and consult with the affected family members of the deceased. After the next of kin

Extensive social consultation was undertaken during July 2004 in order to identify response to these notices but were not relevant to the graves in question.
publications (Rustenburg Herald and Britspos). Only one enquiry were received in well as at the entrance to the mine. Newspaper notices were also placed in two local tracking down of the affected families. Legal notices were placed at the cemetery as Professional Grave Solutions (Pty) Ltd appointed a local NGO, Maditlokwa
Integrated Community Development Projects, to assist with the identification and

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the Tlapa Community Cemetery, Rustenburg District on the $25^{\text {th }}$ August 2004 exhumed on $24-25$ August 2004 and the remains of the deceased were reburied in

 relocate 4 graves from their property (a portion of the farm Rooikoppies 297JQ)

remaining in-fill matrix, down to the depth of the test trench, was removed with a
 femur is a robust bone, it is usually not easily damaged through excavation. If no















 prevent damage to the remains, was employed. This approach was largely similar to



 associated artefacts (Nienaber and Steyn, 1999). The focus was on accurate and



 minimise damage to the remains, to record the three-dimensional context of the The methods employed during exhumation aimed to recover all the remains, to

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Per for reburial was obtained from the Headman of Tlapa Village, Mr.




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(refer Appendix A-Locality map). The exact co-ordinates of the cemetery was:


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## 5. Exhumation of remains and details of deceased

 remains and artefacts were found and recovered. the area directly underlying the location of the remains to ensure that all possible for analysis, where this was required. A further test trench of 15 cm deep was dug in soon as the skeleton was uncovered, it was documented in situ, removed, and packed ensures the minimum disturbance of the remains and associated cultural materials. As uncovered, starting from the middle and working outwards. This method again and extent of the skeleton was established, a trench was dug around the remains s The excavation then continued with the aim of ascertaining the extent of the skeletal
remains and the location of the different skeletal elements. As soon as the location sacrificing any vital information. This was only done after documentation of the features of the burial pit and without јuә!эy,
 excavation and to preserve the integrity of the context of the skeletal elements and skeleton as possible covered in order to protect the remains from damage by

 shovel. The removed matrix was carefully screened to retrieve any possible cultural

Location of grave

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Mr. Reuben Manyaka, attended the reburial proceedings Mangesi, was present at the exhumation and reburial. The headman of Tlapa Village August 2004 in the Tlapa Community Cemetery. The family representative, Mr were clearly those of a very young child or a baby. The remains were buried on 25 According to the family representative, Mr Samuel Mangesi, the grave belonged to
his mother, Annie Mangesi. This claim proved not to be true as the exhumed remains Synthesis of evidence

All human remains were recovered from the grave and placed in the new coffin.
photograph 2). The exhumed remains were clearly those of a baby of undeterminable

 very well preserved. The deceased were buried on his/her back in the extended
 the time of the burial, covered the remains pieces of the coffin. A piece of rusted corrugated iron, placed on top of the coffin at Grave goods consisted of a number of rusted coffin nails as well as small wooden chisel to free the remains without damage

 discerned from the surrounding matrix. The burial pit was excavated by pick and found at a depth of $1,45 \mathrm{~m}$. The nature of the soil was such that no grave pit could be surface features until cultural material in the form of a piece of corrugated iron was

After the grave dressing was removed, the excavation followed the extent of the

## Excavation of grave and description of contents and features.

headstone was associated with the grave (refer Appendix C, photograph 1). found on the grave and the dressing was aligned along an east/west axis. No formal loosely scattered over an area measuring about $2.3 \times 2.0 \mathrm{~m}$.. No offering goods were The surface features of the grave consisted of several small to medium sized rocks,
 No skeletal analyses were performed as the reburial has already be arranged for the According to Mr. Samuel Mangesi, the family representative, the grave was those of
his brother, Mr Koos Mangesi who died in the 1970's. As the remains recovered from
the grave were clearly those of a young child, the information received from Mr.
Mangesi appears to be incorrect. The remains were reburied on 25 August 2004 in
the Tlapa Community Cemetery. The family representative, Mr Mangesi, was present
at the exhumation and reburial. The headman of Tlapa Village, Mr. Reuben
Manyaka, attended the reburial proceedings

All human remains were recovered from the grave.
remains were clearly those of a very young child of undeterminable sex extended alongside the body (refer Appendix C, photograph 4). The exhumed with the head to the west and the legs extended straight to the east. The arms wer pressure of the soil. The deceased was buried on his/her back in the extended position relatively well preserved although the cranium suffered some damage due to the Human remains were found at a depth of 1.55 m below the surface. The remains were The extreme hardness of the soil also necessitated the use of a chisel to free the
remains without damage.
 surrounding matrix. The burial pit was excavated by pick and shovel until the first
 After the grave dressing was removed, the excavation followed the extent of the
dressing measured approximately $2.1 \mathrm{~m} \times 1.2 \mathrm{~m} \times .035 \mathrm{~m}$ and was orientated east/west.
(refer Appendix C, photograph 3). of rock bearing no inscription. No offering goods were found on the grave. The with small stones and soil. The headstone consists of a single roughly rectangular slab arranged to form a oval shaped stone outline. The inside of the dressing was filled The surface features of the grave consisted of a number of medium sized rocks,

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Surface features
the farm Spruitfontein (refer Appendix A - Locality map). The exact co-ordinates cemetery is situated on a portion of the farm Rooikoppies 297 JQ , on the border with each other along a north/south axis (refer Appendix B - Site Layout Map). The The grave was part of an informal cemetery consisting of four graves arranged next to
According to members of the Mangesi family，the remains were those of a distant
relative，Shirley Mangesi．Neither Mr．Mangesi，nor his brother Mr．Alson Mangesi
had any further information regarding the identity of the deceased．No additional

All human remains were recovered from the grave． preservation the burial position could not be discerned．refer Appendix $\mathbf{C}$
photograph 6）．
 the remains was very poor．Only a few small fragments of bone were recovered Human remains were found at a depth of 1.5 m below the surface The preservation of





Excavation of grave and description of contents and features
$1.4 \mathrm{~m} \times 0.4 \mathrm{~m}$ and was orientated east／west．（refer Appendix C，photograph 5）． observed．No grave goods were found on the grave．The dressing measured $2.2 \mathrm{~m} x$ stones，arranged to form elongated grave dressing．No formal headstone was The surface features of the grave consisted of a number of big and medium sized
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> Location of grave

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information could be gleaned from the human remains recovered from the grave. The remains were reburied in the Tlapa Community Cemetery. The family representative, Mr Mangesi, was present at the exhumation and reburial. The headman of Tlapa Village, Mr. Reuben Manyaka, attended the reburial proceedings

### 5.4 Lon 3/4

Details of deceased

| Name: | Not named (too young) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Surname: | Mangesi |
| Age at death: | 10 days |
| Date of death: | 1960 's |
| Name of family representative: | Mr Samuel Mangesi |
| New grave number: | Tlapa Community Cemetery, no number |

## Location of grave

The grave was part of an informal cemetery consisting of four graves arranged next to each other along a north/south axis (refer Appendix B - Site Layout Map). The cemetery is situated on a portion of the farm Rooikoppies 297 JQ, on the border with the farm Spruitfontein (refer Appendix A - Locality map). The exact co-ordinates of the cemetery was:
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## Surface features

The surface features of the grave consisted of a number of scattered medium sized stones, arranged to form a roughly oval grave dressing. No formal headstone was observed. No grave goods were found on the grave dressing. The dressing measured approximately $2.0 \mathrm{~m} \times 1.2 \mathrm{~m} \times 0.35 \mathrm{~m}$ and was orientated east/west. (refer Appendix C, photograph 7).

## Excavation of grave and description of contents and features

After the grave dressing was removed, the excavation followed the extent of the surface features until cultural material (a piece of corrugated iron) was found at a depth of $1,55 \mathrm{~m}$. The nature of the soil was such that no grave pit could be discerned from the surrounding matrix. The burial pit was excavated by pick and shovel until the first indications of cultural material was found after which a trowel and brush were used. A chisel was used to free the remains from the surrounding soil.

Grave goods consisted of a number of rusted coffin nails. A piece of rusted corrugated iron, placed on top of the coffin at the time of the burial, covered the human remains

Human remains were found at a depth of 1.55 m below the surface. The remains were well preserved. The deceased was buried on his/her back in the extended position with
 in order to address this issue mistaken when he named the deceased. The social consultation process is continuing He explained that he was very young when these people died and could have been to the consultants regarding the age of the deceased and the actual age of the remains Mr. Mangesi was at a loss to explain the discrepancy between the information he gave were too poorly preserved to reliably observe its age or sex.
 The exhumation took place on 24-25 august 2004. The remains recovered from Lon identified the graves without hesitation accompanied Mr. Mangesi to the cemetery to be relocated and he (Mr. Mangesi) to the deceased were confirmed by various persons in the community. The consultants consultation process identified the next of kin to be Mr. Samuel Mangesi. His relation

During the relocation process four graves were identified for relocation. The social

## 6. Conclusion

# Mr. Reuben Manyaka, attended the reburial proceedings. 

 Mangesi, was present at the exhumation and reburial. The headman of Tlapa Village approximately 10 day after birtr. The boy died without being named. According to Mr. Mangesi, the remains were those of his son who died in the 1960 sapproximately 10 days after birth. The boy died without being named. The remains
Synthesis of evidence
All human remains were recovered from the grave.
of a small child could not be discerned (refer Appendix C, photograph 8). The remains were those the head to the west and the legs extended to the east. The right arm was bent at the
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Survey no. of grave: LON 31103

## LONMIN OPEN CAST MINE

## Request for Exhumation and Re-interment

Herewith I, $\frac{\text { Sannwel Ntsokolo Nlanyesi }}{\text { (Full nemes and sumame) }}$
I.D. no.: $26 \quad 0518$ or 79081

Acting as a representative of the family of the deceased, and with the full knowledge and approval of all family members, request the exhumation and re-interment of the remains of:

e of the deceased)

Sex of deceased: $\mathbf{M}$ EX
Date of death: (YYYY) ${ }^{\prime}$ (MM) ${ }^{\prime}(\mathrm{DD})$

Relation to deceased: $\qquad$
Age at death: $\qquad$
Cause of death: $\qquad$

Re-interment at: Tlapa Cemetery
Our (the family's) motivation for this request is the development of the open cast mine that cannot continue unless the remains of our family member is exhumed and re-interred in a cemetery in a location not affected by the proposed development.

I declare that this request was not made under duress.

Signed: $\qquad$ at $\qquad$
on this $\qquad$ day of $\qquad$ 20 $\qquad$
Witness: $\qquad$
Comments: Thomily meanher was intervenced
at his home

Survey no. of grave: LON $\qquad$ 31 $\qquad$ 102

LONMIN OPEN CAST MINE
Request for Exhumation and Re-interment

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I.D. no.: $\qquad$ 2605180179081

Acting as a representative of the family of the deceased, and with the full knowledge and approval of all family members, request the exhumation and re-interment of the remains of:
$\qquad$
Sex of deceased: $\square$ F

Date of death: $\frac{ \pm 970^{5}}{\text { (YYYY) }}$ (MM)

Relation to deceased: Deceased's brother
Age at death: $30^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{s}$

Cause of death: $\qquad$ Illness

Re-interment at:


Our (the family's) motivation for this request is the development of the open cast mine that cannot continue unless the remains of our family member is exhumed and re-interred in a cemetery in a location not affected by the proposed development.

I declare that this request was not made under duress.
$\qquad$ on this $2^{\text {st }}$ day of $\qquad$ $20-0004$
Witness: $\qquad$ Antierare

Comments: Thornily haven tative was inkervered
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Survey no. of grave: LON $31 \quad 104$

LONMIN OPEN CAST MINE
Request for Exhumation and Re-interment

Herewith I, Samuel N. Plunges;
(Full names and summer)
I.D. no.: $\qquad$ 2605150179081

Acting as a representative of the family of the deceased, and with the full knowledge and approval of all family members, request the exhumation and re-interment of the remains of:
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Baby (Chinsined) oflanqes:
$\qquad$
Sex of deceased: $\square$ , F

Date of death: $\frac{\text { F/960's }}{\text { (YYYY) }}$ (MM)

Relation to deceased: $\qquad$ Ahceased fut her

Age at death:

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10 \text { days }
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Cause of death: $\qquad$ Threes

Re-interment at: $\qquad$ Pupa Cenclery
Our (the family's) motivation for this request is the development of the open cast mine that cannot continue unless the remains of our family member is exhumed and re-interred in a cemetery in a location not affected by the proposed development.

I declare that this request was not made under duress.
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 on this $2^{51}$ day of $\qquad$ 20 On Witness: $\qquad$ Glutture

Comments: $\qquad$
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Survey no．of grave：LON 3101

LONMIN OPEN CAST MINE
Request for Exhumation and Re－interment

Herewith I，$\frac{\text { Samuel } N \text { Ranges．＇}}{\text {（Fill names and sumame）}}$
$\qquad$

I．D．no．： $\qquad$ 2605180179081

Acting as a representative of the family of the deceased，and with the full knowledge and approval of all family members， request the exhumation and re－interment of the remains of：


Sex of deceased： $\square$


Relation to deceased：Deceusedis son
Age at death：Uhanown，probably in her so＇s
Cause of death： $\qquad$

Re－interment at：


Our（the family＇s）motivation for this request is the development of the open cast mine that cannot continue unless the remains of our family member is exhumed and re－interred in a cemetery in a location not affected by the proposed development．

I declare that this request was not made under duress．

Signed：20』へくざと at on this $2 / 5 /$ day of $\qquad$



Witness： $\qquad$ Glottmone

Comments： $\qquad$
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DEPARTMENT: HOME AFFAIRS
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
BURIAL ORDER

NB: Print in black pen.
*Serial Number of death register .. LON. 3. 1.


## AUTHORITY FOR REMOVAL OF CORPSE/BURIAL

This certificate grants the authority for the burial, and if necessary, the removal of the corpse from the magisterial district in which the death occured to a place outside the particular magisterial district.




bahu ka lẹfsa, ba swanetše go ngwalela:
Ge e le gore go na le ba ba lego kgahlanong le projeke ye ya go epolla le go boloka
go romela tshedimošo ya bona ya boitsebišo atreseng ye e filwego ka mo tlase.
mengwa go kgatha tema mo morerong wo wa go šuthiša mabitla gomme ba swanetše gammogo le batho le ditšhaba ka moka tše go ya ka setšo di amanago le mabitla a ba
Batho le ditšhaba ka moka tše di tswalanego le batho ba ba bolokilwego lefelong le bolokwa mabitleng a kgauswi bjalo ka ge go laeditšwe. a bahu ba ba angwago ke projeke ye e boletšwego ka mo godimo. Bahu ba tlo Profense ya North West, go hwetša tumelelo ya go epolla le go boloka lefsa mašaledi (Molao 25 wa 1999) gammogo le melawana ye mengwe ya tshepedišo ya Taolo ya 1925); le Kgaolo ya 35 le 36 tša Molao wa Bosetšhaba wa Ditlabelwa tša Bohwa ka Molawana wa Go šuthiša ga Mabitla le Batho ba ba hlokofetšego (Molawana 7 wa barerišani legatong la Lonmin Platinum ba šišinya go dira kgopelo ka lengwalo, go ya
Go tsebišwa gore Professional Grave Solutions Pty Ltd ye e šomago bjalo ka

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within 6 weeks of the date of this notice.
E-mail: henk@grave.co.za

## Tel. no.: (012) 3337142

Henk Steym, Professional Grave Solutions Pty Ltd, PO Box 14706, Hatfield, 0028
Any objections to the proposed exhumation and reinterment of the individuals must
also be submitted to: listed below. in the process of relocation and must forward their contact particulars to the address persons and communities by tradition concerned with the graves are invited to partake
All persons and communities descendant from the buried individuals as well as all above mentioned development for re-interment in local cemeteries Administration for approval to exhume the remains of the individuals affected by the 25 of 1999) as well as the relevant local regulations to the North West Provincial No. 12 of 1980); and Section 35 and 36 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act and Dead Bodies Ordinance (Ord. No. 7 of 1925); The Exhumations Ordinance (Ord. consultant for Lonmin Platinum intends applying in terms of The Removal of Graves
Notice is hereby given that Professional Grave Solutions (Pty) Ltd acting as

## 24 June 2004

## PORTIONS OF THE FARM ROOIKOPPIES 297 JQ

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Project Manager
Yours sincerely, Detailed information on the graves as it becomes available can be obtained from the above
address.
 We are currently undertaking social consultations (as required by ACT 25 of 1999) to identify
the unknown buried individuals and to obtain permission for exhumation and re-interment

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To clarify matters we have provisionally allocated the affected graves to the following
Would you please advise us on any heritage related issues pertaining to the graves? The
discovery of the graves will also be reported to the SAPS at Mooinooi. behalf of Lonmin Platinum Limited, the owners of the property.
Province (see attached map). We intend to apply for permission to relocate these graves on The 4 graves, affected by proposed mining activities are located on the boundary of portions of 1999.
cemetery administered by a recognized local authority as required by Section 36(6) of Act 25
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SAHRA Northwest Office
PO Box 3054
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26 July 2004


H. Steyn
Project Manager Yours sincerely,
Please note that you will be informed of the date of exhumation at least one week in advance Detailed information on the graves as it becomes available can be obtained from the above
address.
 We are currently undertaking social consultations (as required by ACT 25 of 1999) to identify
the unknown buried individuals and to obtain permission for exhumation and re-interment
Unknown:

> Graves older than 60 years (Section 36 of Act 25 of 1999)
> Graves older than 100 years (Section 35 of Act 25 of 1999)
categories
To clarify matters we have provisionally allocated the affected graves to the following
Would you please advise us on whether any criminal or judicial issues are related to the
graves. The discovery of the graves will also be reported to SAHRA Mpumalanga Provinc
Platinum Limited, the owners of the property.
Province. We intend to apply for permission to relocate these graves on behalf of Lonmin
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Date: 20 August 2004



 report required in terms of the permit will be made available to researchers on request. If a published report has not appeared within three years of the lapsing of this permit, the Reprints of all published papers, or copies of theses or reports resulting from this work mus A report on the excavation must be submitted to SAHRA on or before 1 September 2005. Field notes and records must be kept at the National Cultural History Museum
 appropriate. The recommendations for removal of graves and exhumations and for re-burial regulations of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act No. 25 of 1999) must be observed as Human remains must at all times be handled with respect and graves should not be disturbed



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Issued under Section 36(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act No. 25 of 1999. Permission is
H. Steyn
Project Manager 18 March 2004
The Station Commander
Mooinooi SAPS
Private Bag X1036
Mooinooi
0325
ATT: Inspector Marx
Dear Sir,
RE: RELOCATION OF GRAVES
Our correspondence to your office dated 27 July 2004 has reference.
Please take note that the exhumation of the 4 graves to be relocated from the property of
Lonmin Platinum will take place on $23 / 08 / 2004$. The mortal remains from these graves will be
reburied in the Tlapa Cemetery on $24 / 08 / 2004$.
The graves consist of 2 known and 2 unknown graves. The family of the 2 known graves will
be present at the exhumation and reburial.
Yours sincerely,



[^0]:    Graves younger than 60 years (Ord 7 of 1925)
    Unknown:
    Graves of individuals of royal decent (Section 36 of Act 25 of 1999):
    Graves older than 60 years (Section 36 of Act 25 of 1999)
    Graves older than 100 years (Section 35 of Act 25 of 1999)

