

# HLANGABEZO FAMILY CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting Purpose:</b>	Inception report presentation: Grave Exhumation and Relocation
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	16 March 2023
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	12H00-13H00
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Hlangabezo Family Home, Silangwe village, Bizana
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Jennifer Munyai
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p><b>Family members and interested parties:</b></p> <p>Mfumaneko Hlangabezo Nonkululeko Dlamini Masango Nomthandazo PN ele</p> <p><b>Nkosi of the Area</b></p> <p>Nkosi Bhekameva Qobo</p> <p><b>Setjo Sesho Consultants:</b></p> <p>Jennifer Munyai</p>
<b>Minutes drafted by:</b>	Mr. Luyanda Hlamaphi

<b>Discussion</b>
<p>The inaugural meeting presentation was chaired by <b>Mrs. Munyai</b>, who permitted everybody in the room to introduce themselves, their organization, and their designation. The attendance register was also circulated from both Setjo Sesho Consultants. No apologies were noted in the meeting. The agenda was adopted as it is with no changes.</p> <p>A welcoming note was given by <b>Mrs. Munyai</b> who emphasized the importance of the meeting and explained the process of grave exhumation and relocation.</p> <p>Mrs. Munyai asked: How many graves are located inside the premises of the Ludeke Dam?</p> <p>Nkosi Qobo replied: Stating that they are not certain about the numbers but they will be able to remember them when the whole family has gathered about this. At this point he could only remember the grandfather and along with his two wives to be possible located in the premises of the dam and one grave of a child. However, he estimated that there is likely to be more than five graves located in the dam's premises.</p> <p>Mrs. Munyai suggested: Stating that it would be better if the meeting is reschedule for a time when the family is together in order to recall the number of graves thereof. Also that the family discuss the necessary procedures to be followed when doing grave exhumation and relocation. This involves traditional rituals and ceremonies to be followed with respect to the deceased family members. She also asked that the Nkosi be present during the next meeting as a witness of the meeting and comment when he can. She also agreed to contact Mr. M</p>

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Hlangabezo, for the proceedings of the next meeting, who confirmed that Mrs. Munyai may phone him on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 to confirm the next meeting. Mrs. Munyai suggested that it would be good to have older people in who are family representatives just so they are able to consent for the process as well as assist in identifying the number of graves within the Umgani Water premises.

She thanked everyone in attendance and it was confirmed that the next meeting would be held in the Hlangabezo family home at Silangwe village in Bizana.

Meeting was adjourned at 13H00pm.

The telephonical consultation was then held with Mr. Hlangabezo on the 20<sup>th</sup> as per the agreement were he indicated that the rest of the family will be available on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2023 which is a Saturday. Mrs. Munyai requested that they all bring their identity documentations so they can record their identity number during the second consultation.

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<b>Meeting Purpose:</b>	Family Consultation: Grave Exhumation and Relocation
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	01 April 2023
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	10H00-13H00
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Hlangabezo Family Home, Silangwe village, Bizana
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Jennifer Munyai
<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Family members and interested parties:</b> Ms. Kholeka Hlangabezo Mr. Lungani Siwisa Mr. Mfumaneko Hlangabezo Ms. Masiganqa Hlangabezo Ms. Mazinya Silangwe Mrs. Cynthia Mshiywa Mr. Sonwabo Hlangabezo Mr. Nkosiyoxolo Hlangabezo Ms. Nompumelelo Hlangabezo Ms. Nozuko Ncise Mr. Zanekhaya Hlangabezo Mr. Mzulelwa Qobo Ms. Florence Silangwe <b>Nkosi of the area</b> Nkosi Bhekameva Qobo  <b>Setjo Sesho Consultants:</b> Mrs. Jennifer Munyai Mr. Luyanda Hlamaphi Dr. Caswell Munya <b>Ganwa Consultants:</b> Mr. Ray Limela Mr. Sibusiso Madlala
<b>Minutes drafted by:</b>	Mr. Luyanda Hlamaphi

## Discussion

The opening meeting presentation was chaired by **Mrs. Munyai**, who permitted everybody in the room to introduce themselves and how they are related to the human remains. The attendance register was also circulated from both Setjo Sesho Consultants and Ganwa Consultants. No apologies were noted in the meeting. The agenda was adopted as it is with no changes.

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A welcoming note was given by **Mr. Hlamaphi** (Social facilitator) who emphasized the importance of the meeting and explained the process of grave exhumation and relocation. He stated that the exhumation and relocation of graves in the premises of the Ludeke Dam is to be respected and rituals will be followed during this process according to the family's needs. He detailed that after some time, human remains decay underground based on the acidic level of the area that they are buried, and that in the case such is found, the soil will then be buried as the representation of the decayed human remains.

He reminded the family that their needs to perform these rituals will be cared for, but no money will be sent directly into the family's bank account, as it will seem as if Umgeni is paying for the human remains which is prohibited and is a criminal offence in terms of Section 36 of the NHRA. He stated that the family will put down a list of things that are required to perform this process. He expressed that the family will choose a site of their choice as the new burial grounds of the exhumed human remains, however, the family can decide in the meantime and will show the archaeologist when its time for reburials.

**Mr. Hlamaphi** gave way to the attendees to ask questions about the process before he could ask the family questions.

The first question was posed by Mr. Nkosi Qobo who asked if Setjo Sesho Consultants company have machines (GPR) to locate the remains of the deceased because the family did not put stones to mark each person's grave even though they can point the proximity of the graves?

Mr. Hlamaphi responded:

- No, Setjo Sesho doesn't have the GPR machine, however the possibility of using such will be explored so to assist with the location of the graves.

Mr. Limela added:

- that the area where the family locates the graves will be demarcated and the graves that can be located will be exhumed while the potential location of graves, it would be up to the family to decide on the necessary ritual(s) that may be performed on behalf of those unidentifiable graves as to compensate their removal spiritually or religiously so.

The family understood and agreed to this process, thus they gave way to Mr. Hlamaphi to ask questions.

The first question by Mr. Hlamaphi was:

- How many graves are located inside the dam Ludeke Dam premises?

Mr. M Qobo replied:

- There are six known graves inside the Ludeke Dam premises.
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- The known names of the people that are located in the dam remises are, grandmother MaMyeni, her son Mbekwa, Ziniya, Makhulu MaZulu and Zanyiwe and one unknown persona.

The second question from Mr. Hlamaphi was:

- When did they die or at least the first person?

Mr. M Qobo replied that:

- He was born in 1948 and he was 8 years old when the first person died which is grandmother MaMyeni it was 1956 and he estimated that every after three years the other person followed.
- The last person to be buried in these premises was in 1969.

Third question by Mr. Hlamaphi:

- Are there any descendant/children of the deceased in the Hlangabezo family?

Mr. R Limela:

- Explained the question, stating that we were asking for the relationship of the children with the deceased, whether they were direct descendents or indirect descendents, for each of the metioned deceased members.

Mr. M Qobo replied:

- Yes, there are descendants of the deceased family members buried in the dam premises.
- Mr. M Qobo is the descendent of Mr. Ziniya and MaMyeni (husband and wife), a grandchild to both, and a nephew to Mbekwa.
- Cinthia is a descendent of Mr. Ziniya and MaZulu (husband and wife), a daughter and also several grandchildren. Mr. Ziniya had a polygamy.
- Cnthia is also a sibling to Zanyiwe and she was estimated to have died around 1960 when Cnthia was a teenager, who is also a child of Mr. Ziniya and MaZulu.

Fourth question by Mr. Hlamaphi:

- Does the Hlangabezo family agrees to the exhumation and relocation of graves from the Ludeke Dam premises?

Mr. M Hlangabezo replied:

- He staed that they have discussed as the family prior the meeting about the exhumation and relocation of the graves.
- After their family meeting they came to a inference that they agree to the process of exhumation and relocation of the Hlangabezo graves inside the Ludeke Dam premises.

Fifty question by Mr. Hlamaphi:

- What ceremonies or retuals that need to be followed when doing the process of exhumation and relocation of graves?
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- In other words, what are the necessary requirements?

Mr. M Hlangabezo puzzled:

- He asked whether the remains would be put inside one coffin?

Mrs. Munyai replied:

- She stated that each deceased remains will be put inside their own coffin, respectfully.
- And she also clarifies the question by stating what traditional rituals are followed in these processes.

Mr. M Hlangabezo replied:

- Stating that the family will need groceries for this ceremony including a goat that they will take to the graves to communicate with the late family members about their relocation.
- Another goat will be to welcome the late family members into their home, a third goat to cleanse the people who would be collecting the remains of the deceased and a cow for the funeral.
- The groceries also include soft drinks and alcohol as well as traditional beer.

Mr Hlamaphi asked, puzzled:

- Whether will the family need a goat for each person?

Mr. M Hlangabezo replied:

- Stating that the goats caed for wil be used to perform the ritual collectively for the late family members.
- Measning the three goats and one cow wil be the animas that will be slaughtered dring this process.
- There will be one ceremony, also a tent is required.

Mrs. Munyai asked:

- Whether the family would not want a traditional healer for consultation for this matter?

Mr. R Limela clarified the question:

- Stating that would the family like the ceremony to be performed by a traditional healer or rather they would do it themselves as a family, where a family representative talks and performs the retuals.

Ms. K Hlangabezo requested:

- That they are given some time as a family to discuss and decied whether they would need a traditional healer or they will conduct the retuals as the family, exclusively.

Mrs. Munyai agreed:

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- Stating that the family can take their time to discuss and they will be contacted after a weeks about their decision on this matter by Ganwa Consultants.

Mr. M Hlangabezo suggested:

- That they will make a list of the required items for the ritual and funeral.

Mr. R Limela agreed:

- Stating that it is within the family's right to make the list of the things they need for this process.

Mr. M Hlangabezo asked:

- Whether Setjo Sesho Consultants would use mechines to exhume the six graves, as it would be close to impossible for the family to dig out graves and also dig in graves on their own?

Mr. B Qobo (chief) added:

- Asking whether would it be the family that will dig the holes for burial and the digging out of late family members remains?

Mr. Hlamaphi asked:

- Whether the family would like to exhume and dig new graves own their own in away that they are following their tradition if they have one like that?

Mr. M Hlangabezo replied:

- Stating that due to the abundance of graves, it would be very helpful to get some assistance from Setjo Sesho Consultants company to exhume and dig new grave holes, perhas with the help of mechines.
- Although, there would be people from the family there would be people monitoring the whole process.
- To avoid damages of the graves, he suggested that mechines may dig halfway through the old graves and the people would cautiously dig deeper to reach the remains of the deceased.

Mrs. Munyai added:

- Stating that it woud be people from the funeral parlour that would dig both new holes and old graves, but if the culture does not alow that, then that will be respected.
- Otherwise, family members may work ahand in hand with the funeral parlour people during this process.

Mr. Hlamaphi asked:

- If the famiy understood the process of grave exhumation and relocation?

Mr. M Qobo and the family members replied:

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- Stating that they understand the process of grave exhumation and relocation as it was explained to them.

Mr. Hlamaphi added:

- That he had finished with the questions and reminded the family that they need to write a letter of confirmation that they agreed on the exhumation and relocation of the Hlangabezo graves, this family letter must come with a letter from the chief also acknowledging the agreement on this process.

Mr. B Qobo asked:

- If it would be possible to complete the relocation of the graves on the same day?

Mrs. Munyai replied:

- Stating that the new grave holes may be dug a day before the relocation of the graves, but this would be possible if the family does not object.

The family agreed that new grave holes may be dug a day before the day of the relocation.

Mr. Hamaphi thanked the opportunity and asked that while the meeting may proceed to sighting graves, those left behind may write the letters so that they would be collected after sighting the graves.

The meeting was adjourned at 13H30pm.

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Ludeke Dam Grave Relocation Attendance Register (Hlangabezo Family)

Date :01 April 2023

Time :10H00 -13H00

Venue:Hlangabezo Family House (Silangwe Village)

NAME & SURNAME	ID NUMBER	CONTACT DETAILS	RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED	SIGNATURE
KHOLEKA HLANGABEZO	7406110781087	0738792457	BOMKHULU	K HLANGABEZO
LUNGANI SIKWISA	8211116699088	0781096693	BOMKHULU	KHLANGABEZO
MFULMANEKOHLANGABEZO	7803263816084	0605051056	BOMKHULU	KHLANGABEZO
MASIQANGA HLANGABEZO	5403050880088	0737942091	BO ANTO	M. HL
F. MAZINYA Silangwe	5903100336080	0739975357	BOMKHULU	FM.S
CNITHIA MSWINYA		0733339995		X
SONDWA BO HLANGABEZO	01305185705088	0735920698	KWOKWO	SH
NKOSIYOKO HLANGABEZO	95055076114080	0603664886	KWOKWO	NKOSIYOKO
NOMPUMEKO HLANGABEZO	6707071271088	11	BOMKHULU	X
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**Ludeke Dam Grave Relocation First Meeting Attendance Register**

Date :16 March 2023

Time :10H00 -13H00

Venue: ~~Ludeke Dam~~ Hlangabezo Home  
Hlangabezo family

NAME & SURNAME	ORGANIZATION	CONTACT DETAILS	SIGNATURE
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PN e/e		Cell: Tel: Email: 07380 93398	
MaSango		Cell: Tel: Email:	x
nonkululeko	Slamini	Cell: Tel: Email: 0704552959	
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