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**THE SWAZI RAIL LINK PROJECT – EXHUMATION AND  
RELOCATION OF GRAVES ON THE FARM BLOEMKRANS  
PORTION 1 NEAR LOTHAIR IN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL  
MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

**BLOEMKRANS PORTION 1 BURIAL GROUND**

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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 thirteen (13) graves located on the farm Bloemkrans Portion 1 on the outskirts of Lothair (26°23'45.10"S, 30°24'34.50"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

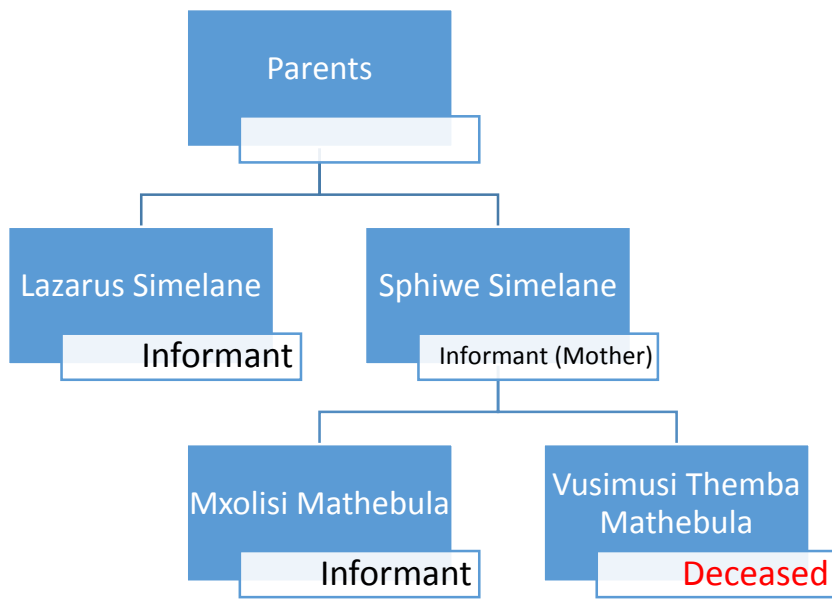
A comprehensive situation analysis has been conducted relying heavily on a public participation process. The burial ground on the Farm Bloemkran Portion 1 holds 13 individuals. Five families have been identified represented by Mxolisi Mathebula, Sarah Mnisi, Wuta Nkosi, Stanford Vilakazi and Flora Ngema together accounting for seven (7) graves. These will require health department permitting in terms of the Human Tissues Act (No 65/1983) and supporting regulations.

However the next of kin for six (6) graves have not been identified, suggesting they are much older, possibly more than 60 years, which has entailed the Msukaligwa Local Municipality to act as custodian of the graves for purposes permitting in terms of **Section 36 of National Heritage Resources Act (No 25/1999)**. A letter of commitment by the local Municipality is therefore attached to the application.



### 3. CATALOGUE OF NEXT OF KIN

#### MATHEBULA FAMILY 10

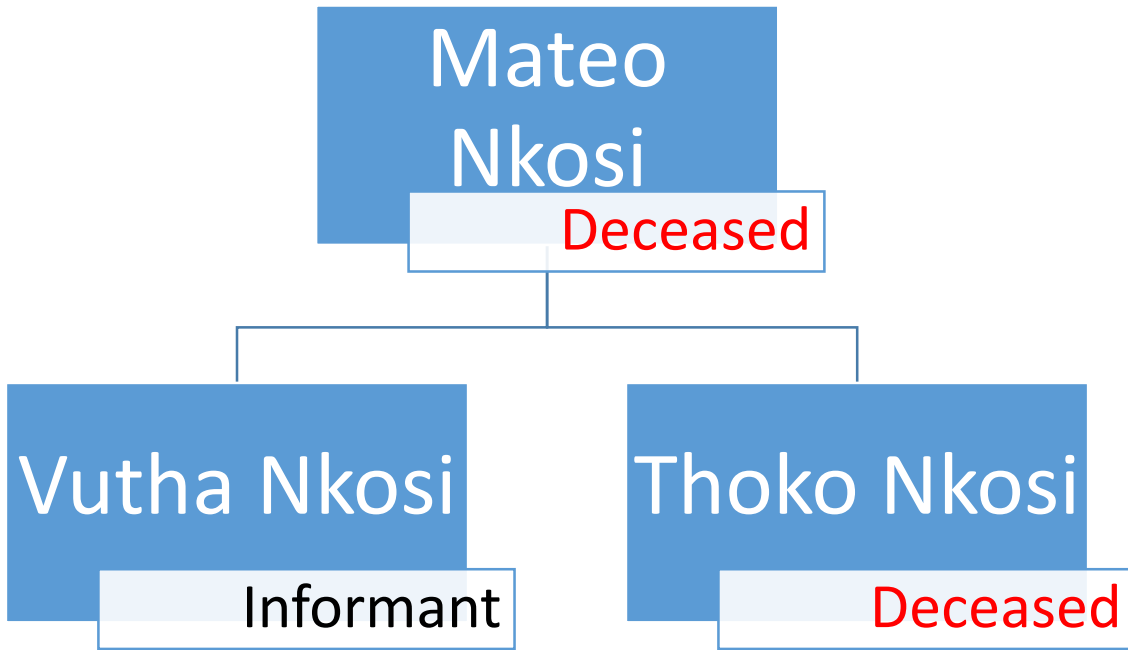
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DOB				ID	
PLACE OF BIRTH	Bloemkrans		PROVINCE	Mpumalanga	
ADDRESS	363 Silindile		TOWN	Lothair	
CELL	071 749 1047		EMAIL	-	
NO OF GRAVES	One (1)				
PROPOSED REMEDIAL ACTION	Traditional ceremony with all necessary provisions. From A to B				
INFORMANT IDS					
DECEASED DOCS	X				
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## WUTA NKOSI 11

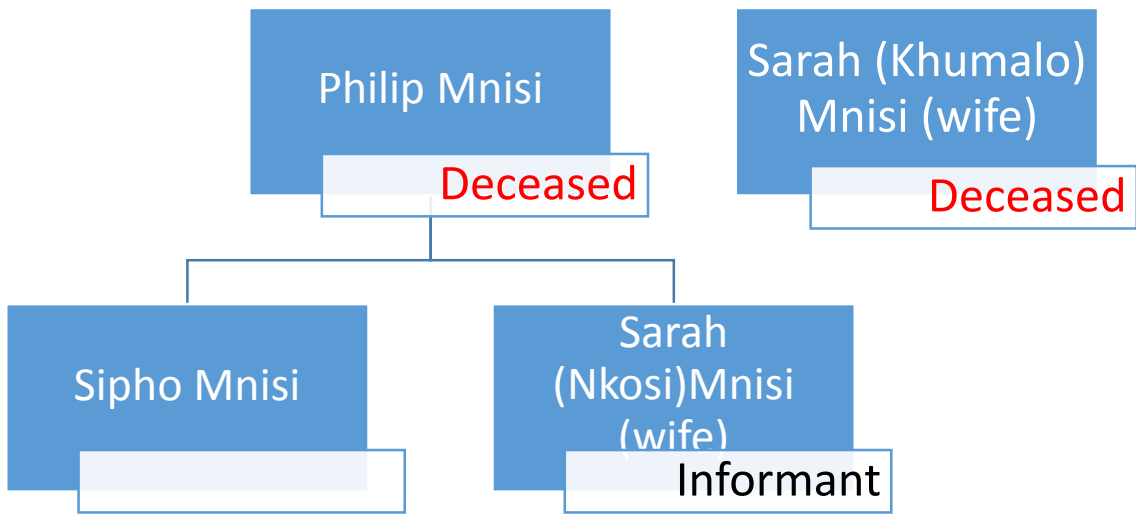
SURNAME	Nkosi	FIRST NAME	Wuta	CLAIM NO	11
					
DOB		ID			
PLACE OF BIRTH	Bloemkrans	PROVINCE	Mpumalanga		
ADDRESS		TOWN	Lothair		
CELL	083 519 6862	EMAIL	-		
<b>NO OF GRAVES</b>	Two (2)				
PROPOSED REMEDIAL ACTION	His later father must be buried on the same farm. From A to B.				
INFORMANT ID					
DECEASED DOCS	X				
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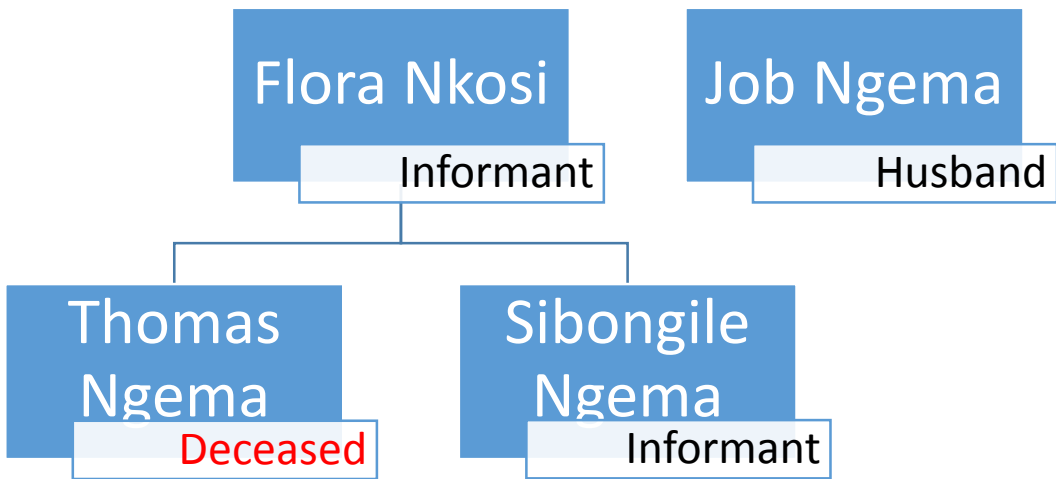
## SARA MNISI 12

SURNAME	Mnisi	FIRST NAME	Sarah	CLAIM NO	12
					
DOB			ID		
PLACE OF BIRTH	Bloemkrans	PROVINCE	Mpumalanga		
ADDRESS	330 Silindile	TOWN	Lothair		
CELL	079 643 9624	EMAIL	-		
<b>NO OF GRAVES</b>	Two (2)				
PROPOSED REMEDIAL ACTION	Traditional ceremony with all necessary provisions From A to B				
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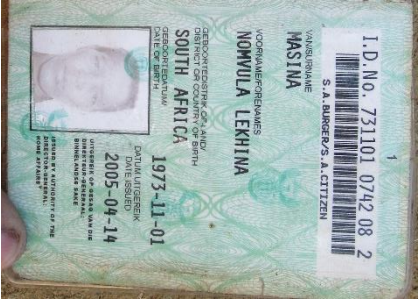


## FLORA KATIE NKOSI 13

SURNAME	Nkosi	FIRST NAME	Patrick	CLAIM NO	13
 <p>Flora Nkosi</p>		 <p>Sibongile Ngema</p>			
DOB		ID			
PLACE OF BIRTH	Bloemkrans	PROVINCE	Mpumalanga		
ADDRESS	Bloemkrans	TOWN	Lothair		
CELL	082 687 1395	EMAIL	-		
<b>NO OF GRAVES</b>	One (1)				
PROPOSED REMEDIAL ACTION	Traditional ceremony with all necessary provisions From A to B.				
INFORMANT ID	 				
Deceased Docs	X				
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## NONHLAHLA MASINA 16

<b>SURNAME</b>	Masina	<b>FIRST NAME</b>	Nonhlanhla	<b>CLAIM NO</b>	16
 <p>Nonhlanhlan Masina</p>			 <p>Nomvula L Masina</p>		
<b>DOB</b>		<b>ID</b>			
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	Bloemkrans	<b>PROVINCE</b>	Mpumalanga		
<b>ADDRESS</b>	Bloemkrans	<b>TOWN</b>	Lothair		
<b>CELL</b>		<b>EMAIL</b>	-		
<b>NO OF GRAVES</b>	One (1)				
<b>PROPOSED REMEDIAL ACTION</b>	Traditional ceremony with all necessary provisions From A to B.				
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<b>DECEASED DOCS</b>	X				
<b>RECORDED BY</b>	M.A Silidi / E. Matenga	<b>INSTITUTION</b>	Mbofho Consulting and Project Managers		
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