



REPORT ON THE RELOCATION OF GRAVES

**NKMC07, NKMC08 AND NKMC10 GRAVE RELOCATION PROJECT
FARM UITKOMST 541 JT, NKOMATI MINE
NEAR BADPLAAS, MPUMALANGA**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

THE RELOCATION OF TWENTY FIVE GRAVES FROM SITES NKMC07, NKMC08 AND NKMC10 RESPECTIVLY, ON THE FARM NKOMATI 770 JT (FORMERLY UITKOMST 541 JT) NEAR BADPLAAS, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

This report is submitted in fulfilment of the requirements of:

- ❑ The **South African Heritage Resources Agency, Permit No. 2160 (CaseID: 8973)**, issued under Section 36(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act no. 25 of 1999 to Henk Steyn.
- ❑ The agreement between *PGS Heritage* and *Nkomati Mine* for the completion of the NKMC07, NKMC08 and NKMC10 Grave Relocation Project.

PGS Heritage was contracted by *Nkomati Mine* to relocate by means of an archaeological excavation twelve graves and one possible grave at site NKMC07, one grave and one possible grave from NKMC08 and nine graves and two possible graves at site NKMC10. The graves were situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT (formerly Uitkomst 541 JT) near Badplaas, Mpumalanga. The graves were to be affected by the expansion of the opencast pit at the Nkomati Mine.

This report documents the relocation of the graves (as required by SAHRA in terms of section 36 of the National Heritage Resources Act, 25 Of 1999) implemented under the SAHRA Permit, No 2160 (CaseID: 8973), issued by the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves Unit.

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1. INTRODUCTION

PGS Heritage (Pty) Ltd was contracted by the *Nkomati Mine* to relocate by, means of an archaeological excavation, twelve graves and one possible grave at site NKMC07, one grave and one possible grave from NKMC08 and nine graves and one possible graves at site NKMC10. The graves were situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT (formerly Uitkomst 541 JT) near Badplaas, Mpumalanga. The graves were to be affected by the expansion of mining activities at the opencast pit at the Nkomati Mine.

None of the graves had a formal headstone and most were marked by stone packed dressings. The Mbokane family, as the Next-of-kin (NoK), provided written request for their relocation. The excavations subsequently revealed the presence of 24 sets of human remains, which were exhumed on 19 – 22 April 2016, and subsequently re-interred in an informal cemetery (New Mbokane Cemetery), on the same dates. The new Mbokane cemetery is located just outside of the mining development area and will not be affected in the future on the same property from where the graves were exhumed (the Farm Nkomati 770 JT). The reburial in this cemetery took place with the permission of the Albert Luthuli Municipality, the Mpumalanga Provincial Department of Health and the South African Heritage Resources Agency.

2. SOCIAL CONSULTATION

The Nkomati Mine conducted an in-depth social consultation process (as required by Act 25 of 1999) in order to identify the NoK of the affected graves and to obtain permission for exhumation and re-interment from them.

Since it was established in 2008 that the affected graves ‘belongs’ to the extended Mbokane family, negotiations with representatives of the family has been ongoing. Numerous meetings were held between representatives of the mine and the Mbokane family.

As required by the relevant legislation, site notices (**Appendix B**) were placed at the three cemeteries and newspaper notices (**Appendix C**) were published in the Daily Sun, The Mpumalanga News and the Lowvelder.

3. LEGAL COMPLIANCE

The exhumation and re-interment of human remains in the Mpumalanga Province is governed by the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999), the National Health Act (Act 61 of 2003) and

the relevant Municipal laws and by-laws governs. The graves and mortal remains of victims of conflict and graves older than 60 years in a burial ground not administered by a local authority, as well as all graves older than 100 years, are subject to the stipulations of both the Heritage Resources and Health Acts while the relocation of graves younger than 60 years are subject to the National Health Act.

In order to comply with the above, permissions to exhume and re-inter the human remains and associated grave dressings and cultural remains were obtained from the following responsible authorities (refer **Appendix D** for copies of the relevant permits):

- A permit was obtained from the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA). Permit No 2160 (CaseID: 8973) was issued in this regard.
- A permit was obtained from the Chief Albert Luthuli Local Municipality.
- A permit was obtained from the Mpumalanga Provincial Department of Health.
- Local health officials from the Department of District Health of Mpumalanga attended the exhumation proceedings.
- The office of the Station Commissioner of the South African Police Services in Badplaas was informed of the date of exhumation seven days before the exhumation took place.
- A registered undertaker (Martins Funerals Belfast) conducted the handling and reburial of the remains as required by the relevant regulations.

4. METHODOLOGY

4.1 Method of excavation

The methods employed during exhumation aimed to recover all the remains, to minimise damage to the remains, to record the three-dimensional context of the remains and to preserve and respect the dignity of the buried individual. All evidence that might allude to the events leading to the death of the individual and circumstances regarding the event were recorded and interpreted.

The excavation methods employed accomplished the *in situ* exposure of the burial and associated artefacts (Nienaber and Steyn, 1999). The focus was on accurate and complete documentation (Nienaber, 1997). Various methods for the excavation of graves have been proposed by different authors (Hester, 1975; Joukowsky, 1980; Krogman and Iscan, 1986; Morse, 1978) and all stress the need for adequate workspace around the exposed remains and a systematic approach to the removal of individual bones. The archaeological method, including extensive test trenching to prevent damage to the remains, was employed. This approach was largely similar to that of

forensic archaeology where buried body cases are concerned. The approach was adapted for each situation since graves vary in shape, size, depth and content (Nienaber, 1999). The methods used in forensic archaeology are discussed by Steyn, et.al. (2000).

In each case, the surface features of the grave were cleaned and documented. Hereafter any cultural material associated with the surface dressing was collected and catalogued, if such occurred. All observations regarding construction, materials and characteristics of the surface features were documented.

After the removal of the surface features, the extent of the burial pit was ascertained through excavation and observation of differences in the soil matrix. After the indications of the presence and characteristics of the burial pit were documented, the in-fill was excavated to expose the human remains and associated cultural materials. Removal of the matrix of the burial pit was accomplished through the test-trench approach, whereby a narrow trench (25-30 cm wide) is excavated with a trowel to a depth of between 15 and 20 cm in the lower third of the burial pit (in this instance the lower third usually constituted the eastern side of the grave). This area is chosen since it is most likely that the femurs of the skeleton occur in this part of the grave. Since the femur is a robust bone, it is usually not easily damaged through excavation. If no indications of the presence of human remains were observed in the test trench, the remaining in-fill matrix, down to the depth of the test trench, was removed with a shovel. The matrix surrounding the remains was carefully screened to retrieve any possible cultural artefacts associated with the burial. This process was repeated until indications of the presence of human remains were observed.

As soon as human remains were encountered, care was taken to leave as much of the skeleton as possible covered in order to protect the remains from damage by excavation and to preserve the integrity of the context of the skeletal elements and possible associated cultural remains. The extent and characteristics of the burial pit were now documented and the workspace was assessed and enlarged if not sufficient. This was only done after documentation of the features of the burial pit and without sacrificing any vital information.

The excavation then continued with the aim of ascertaining the extent of the skeletal remains and the location of the different skeletal elements, after which the remains were uncovered, starting from the middle and working outwards. This method again ensures the minimum disturbance of the remains and associated cultural materials. As soon as the skeleton was uncovered, it was documented *in situ* and removed. A further test trench of 15 cm deep was dug in the area directly underlying the location of the remains to ensure that all possible remains and artefacts were found and recovered.

5. EXHUMATION OF REMAINS AND DETAILS OF DECEASED.

5.1 General discussion

The graves were located in three separate informal cemeteries situated in an area that forms part of the operations of the Nkomati Mine (the Farm Nkomati 770 JT) near Badplaas, Mpumalanga.

- NKMC07 was located at S25.738825° & E30.612971°. This cemetery contained thirteen stone packed graves belonging to the Mbokane family. One possible grave was situated in the wall of a stone enclosure, which during test excavations revealed to contain human remains. The cemetery was laid out in several rows and the graves were orientated along a north/south axis.
- NKMC08 was located at S25.739587° & E30.613608°. Two graves were located in this cemetery; one belonged to the late Mnyama Mbokane and the other was an unidentified possible grave, which was revealed during the test excavations to contain human remains. These graves were situated within a small stone packed enclosure.
- NKMC10 was located at S25.735925° & E30.614206°. Nine stone packed graves belonging to the Mbokane family was located in this cemetery. One of these turned out to not be a grave. Two features (possible graves) were also tested but were not graves. The graves were aligned in a single straight line along a north/south axis.

The purpose of test excavations is not to look for human remains, as this may cause damage to the graves, but to identify and locate previously unmarked graves. The methodology to conduct a test excavation in this context was to carefully excavate the topsoil of the identified area to assess whether a grave-shaped pit had been previously dug and back filled. The exact location, extent and orientation of these possible pits could then be identified and assessed to be graves or not. This is determined from the change/disturbance in the natural stratigraphy seen by differing soil colour and texture. This method of test excavation is standard archaeological practice when attempting to locate graves without disturbing the human remains buried beneath the surface. This process was done by hand.

It is important to note that the overall preservation of the excavated human remains was poor and in many instances neither the sex of the deceased nor the exact burial position could be determined. The criteria to determine the preservation of the remains are as follows:

- Good – The remains are intact and structurally sound. All the main limbs of a skeleton (arms, legs and head) is visible.

- Fair – There are signs of wear and deterioration. Some of the main limbs (arms, legs and head) are damaged or weathered.
- Poor – The remains are extremely damaged or missing. Mostly in the cases where only a few bone fragments or teeth can be recognised/identified.

Each new grave was marked with a grave marker containing the name of the deceased (if available) and the old grave number, for reference purposes. The Cemetery authorities allocated new grave numbers to the burials; these are contained in the individual descriptions below.

The total number of graves exhumed was twenty-four, as two additional graves was exposed during test excavations and one claimed grave turned out not to be a grave. Two additional features at NKMC10 were investigated but also turned out not to be graves. The two possible graves that were exposed during the test exhumations remains unclaimed at the time of writing. The twenty two graves that was claimed by the Mbokane family as well as the two possible graves was relocated to the 'New Mbokane cemetery' located on the farm Nkomati 770JT as per the agreement between the Mbokane family and the Nkomati Mine.

The individual graves are described in detail below.

5.2 Description of individual graves

NKMC07 – Grave No NKM/34

Name of deceased:	Magajane M. Mbokane.
Age at death:	Unknown.
Date of death:	3/3/1975
Name of family representative:	Petros Macwatha Mbokane.
New Grave number:	The new Mbokane Cemetery, Row 3, Plot 7, on the farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province (GPS Coordinates S27.74088° & E27.23147°).
Location of grave:	The grave formed part of an informal cemetery (NKMC07) situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province. (GPS Coordinates: S25.738825° & E30.612971°). Nkomati Mine No. 14.
Surface features of grave:	An elongated rectangular shaped mound of soil and rocks served as the grave dressing. The dressing measured approximately 3m in length and 1.3m across. A stone headstone was placed upright at the western end of the grave. The headstone was inscribed but the inscription was illegible. The grave had an east/west orientation.
Grave goods:	None.
Measurements of grave pit:	2.4m (l) x 0.9m (w) x 1.4m (d).
Depth at which cultural material was found:	Coffin remains (nails) were found at a depth of 1.3m.
Depth at which human remains were found:	Skeletal remains were found at a depth 1.4m.
Burial position:	The individual was buried in a supine position in a coffin with the head at the western end and slightly tilted to the left. Both arms were extended alongside the body. Both legs were extended next to each other.
Description of human remains:	The remains were that of an adult in a good state of preservation. Some teeth, hair and clothing fibers were present.



Figure 1 – Grave No NKM/34, Grave Dressing.

NKMC07 – Grave No NKM/35

Name of deceased:	Norah G. Mbokane.
Age at death:	Unknown.
Date of death:	13/09/1974.
Name of family representative:	Petros Macwatha Mbokane.
New Grave number:	The new Mbokane Cemetery, Row 3, Plot 6, on the farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province (GPS Coordinates S27.74088° & E27.23147°).
Location of grave:	The grave formed part of an informal cemetery (NKMC07) situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province. (GPS Coordinates: S25.738825° & E30.612971°). Nkomati Mine No. 13.
Surface features of grave:	An elongated rectangular shaped mound of soil and rocks served as the grave dressing. The dressing measured approximately 3.2m in length and 1.2m across. A stone headstone was placed upright at the western end of the grave. The headstone was inscribed but the inscription was illegible. The grave had an east/west orientation.
Grave goods:	None.
Measurements of grave pit:	2.9m (l) x 1m (w) x 1.5m (d).
Depth at which cultural material was found:	Coffin remains (wood, plastic and nails) were found at a depth of 1.4m.
Depth at which human remains were found:	Skeletal remains were found at a depth of 1.5m.
Burial position:	The individual was buried in a supine position in a coffin with the head at the western end and slightly tilted to the left. Both arms were extended alongside the body. Both legs were extended next to each other.
Description of human remains:	The remains were that of an adult in a good state of preservation. Some teeth and hair was still present.



Figure 2 – Grave No NKM/35, Grave Dressing

NKMC07 – Grave No NKM/36

Name of deceased:	Jeremiah S. Mbokane.
Age at death:	Unknown.
Date of death:	1972.
Name of family representative:	Petros Macwatha Mbokane.
New Grave number:	The new Mbokane Cemetery, Row 3, Plot 5, on the farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province (GPS Coordinates S27.74088° & E27.23147°).
Location of grave:	The grave formed part of an informal cemetery (NKMC07) situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province. (GPS Coordinates: S25.738825° & E30.612971°). Nkomati Mine No. 12.
Surface features of grave:	An elongated rectangular shaped mound of soil and rocks served as the grave dressing. The dressing measured approximately 3.4m in length and 1.3m across. A stone headstone was placed upright at the western end of the grave. The headstone was inscribed but the inscription was illegible. The grave had an east/west orientation.
Grave goods:	None.
Measurements of grave pit:	3.3m (l) x 1.2m (w) x 1.6m (d).
Depth at which cultural material was found:	Coffin remains (wood, plastic and nails) were found at a depth of 1.5m.
Depth at which human remains were found:	Skeletal remains were found at a depth of 1.6m.
Burial position:	The individual was buried in a supine position in a coffin with the head at the western end. Both arms were flexed and were placed together in the lap. Both legs were extended next to each other.
Description of human remains:	The remains were that of an adult in a good state of preservation.



Figure 3 – Grave No NKM/36, Grave Dressing.

NKMC07 – Grave No NKM/37

Name of deceased:	Unknown.
Age at death:	Unknown.
Date of death:	Unknown.
Name of family representative:	Unclaimed.
New Grave number:	The new Mbokane Cemetery, Row 3, Plot 4, on the farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province (GPS Coordinates S27.74088° & E27.23147°).
Location of grave:	The grave formed part of an informal cemetery (NKMC07) situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province. (GPS Coordinates: S25.738825° & E30.612971°). Nkomati Mine No. 11.
Surface features of grave:	An elongated oval shaped mound of soil and rocks served as the grave dressing. The dressing was very close to NKM/47 and measured approximately 2.6m in length and 1.2m across. No formal headstone was present. The grave had an east/west orientation.
Grave goods:	None.
Measurements of grave pit:	1.2m (l) x 0.7m (w) x 1.2m (d).
Depth at which cultural material was found:	A broken ceramic pot was found at a depth of 1.1m.
Depth at which human remains were found:	Skeletal remains were found at a depth of 1.2m.
Burial position:	The individual was buried in a supine position with the head at the western end. The rest of the remains were not preserved enough to determine their exact position.
Description of human remains:	The remains were that of a small child in a poor state of preservation.



Figure 4 – Grave No NKM/37, Grave Dressing.

NKMC07 – Grave No NKM/38

Name of deceased:	Mandla Mbokane.
Age at death:	Unknown.
Date of death:	02/1975.
Name of family representative:	Petros Macwatha Mbokane.
New Grave number:	The new Mbokane Cemetery, Row 2 Plot 7, on the farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province (GPS Coordinates S27.74088° & E27.23147°).
Location of grave:	The grave formed part of an informal cemetery (NKMC07) situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province. (GPS Coordinates: S25.738825° & E30.612971°). Nkomati Mine No. 6.
Surface features of grave:	An elongated, oval shaped mound of soil and rocks served as the grave dressing. The dressing measured approximately 1.6m in length and 1.1m across. No formal headstone was present. The grave had an east/west orientation.
Grave goods:	None.
Measurements of grave pit:	1.3m (l) x 0.85m (w) x 1m (d).
Depth at which cultural material was found:	A blanket in which the remains were wrapped were found at a depth of 1m.
Depth at which human remains were found:	Bone fragments were found at a depth of 1m.
Burial position:	The remains were wrapped in a blanket. No burial position could be determined as only a few small, unidentifiable fragments of bone were uncovered.
Description of human remains:	The remains were that of a child in a poor state of preservation.



Figure 5 – Grave No NKM/38, Grave Dressing.

NKMC07 – Grave No NKM/39

Name of deceased:	Moses Mbokane.
Age at death:	Unknown.
Date of death:	13/07/1975.
Name of family representative:	Petros Macwatha Mbokane.
New Grave number:	The new Mbokane Cemetery, Row 2, Plot 6, on the farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province (GPS Coordinates S27.74088° & E27.23147°).
Location of grave:	The grave formed part of an informal cemetery (NKMC07) situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province. (GPS Coordinates: S25.738825° & E30.612971°). Nkomati Mine No 7.
Surface features of grave:	An elongated, oval shaped mound of soil and rocks served as the grave dressing. The dressing measured approximately 1.7m in length and 1m across. A stone headstone was placed upright at the western end of the grave. The headstone was inscribed but the inscription was illegible. The grave had an east/west orientation.
Grave goods:	None.
Measurements of grave pit:	1.5m (l) x 0.8m (w) x 1.1m (d).
Depth at which cultural material was found:	A blanket and a few coffin remains (wood) were found at a depth of 1m. The blanket covered the remains.
Depth at which human remains were found:	Skeletal remains were found at a depth of 1.1m.
Burial position:	The individual was buried in a supine position in a coffin with the head at the western end. The rest of the remains were not preserved enough to determine their position.
Description of human remains:	The remains were that of a small child in a poor state of preservation.



Figure 6 – Grave No NKM/39, Grave Dressing.

NKMC07 – Grave No NKM/40

Name of deceased:	Jazi Mbokane.
Age at death:	Unknown.
Date of death:	Unknown.
Name of family representative:	Petros Macwatha Mbokane.
New Grave number:	The new Mbokane Cemetery, Row 3, Plot 3, on the farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province (GPS Coordinates S27.74088° & E27.23147°).
Location of grave:	The grave formed part of an informal cemetery (NKMC07) situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province. (GPS Coordinates: S25.738825° & E30.612971°). Nkomati Mine No. 8.
Surface features of grave:	An oval rectangular shaped mound of soil and rocks served as the grave dressing. The dressing measured approximately 1.8m in length and 1.1m across. A stone headstone was placed upright at the western end of the grave. The headstone was inscribed but the inscription was illegible. The grave had an east/west orientation.
Grave goods:	None.
Measurements of grave pit:	1.3m (l) x 0.75m (w) x 1m (d).
Depth at which cultural material was found:	Corrugated iron and coffin remains (wood) were found at a depth of 1m.
Depth at which human remains were found:	None were found.
Burial position:	No burial position could be determined as only a few coffin remains were uncovered.
Description of human remains:	Although the remains were not preserved, the grave pit resembled that of a small child.



Figure 7 – Grave No NKM/40, Grave Dressing.

NKMC07 – Grave No NKM/41

Name of deceased:	Lasithole.
Age at death:	Unknown.
Date of death:	Unknown.
Name of family representative:	Petros Macwatha Mbokane.
New Grave number:	The new Mbokane Cemetery, Row 3, Plot 2, on the farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province (GPS Coordinates S27.74088° & E27.23147°).
Location of grave:	The grave formed part of an informal cemetery (NKMC07) situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province. (GPS Coordinates: S25.738825° & E30.612971°). Nkomati Mine No. 9.
Surface features of grave:	An elongated oval shaped mound of soil and rocks served as the grave dressing. The dressing measured approximately 2.3m in length and 1.6m across. No formal headstone was present. The grave had an east/west orientation.
Grave goods:	None.
Measurements of grave pit:	2.3m (l) x 0.9m (w) x 1.6m (d).
Depth at which cultural material was found:	None were found.
Depth at which human remains were found:	Skeletal remains were found at a depth of 1.6m.
Burial position:	The individual was buried in a supine position with the head at the western end. Both legs were extended and were placed next to each other. The rest of the remains were not preserved enough to determine the burial position.
Description of human remains:	The remains were that of an adult in a poor state of preservation.



Figure 8 – Grave No NKM/41, Grave Dressing.

NKMC07 – Grave No NKM/42

Name of deceased:	Sakkie Mnisi.
Age at death:	Unknown.
Date of death:	31/03/1972.
Name of family representative:	Petros Macwatha Mbokane.
New Grave number:	The new Mbokane Cemetery, Row 2, Plot 4, on the farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province (GPS Coordinates S27.74088° & E27.23147°).
Location of grave:	The grave formed part of an informal cemetery (NKMC07) situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province. (GPS Coordinates: S25.738825° & E30.612971°). Nkomati Mine No. 5.
Surface features of grave:	An elongated oval shaped mound of soil and rocks served as the grave dressing. The dressing measured approximately 1.9m in length and 1m across. A stone headstone was placed upright at the western end of the grave. The headstone was not inscribed. The grave had an east/west orientation.
Grave goods:	None.
Measurements of grave pit:	1.2m (l) x 0.9m (w) x 0.7m (d).
Depth at which cultural material was found:	A green and blue blanket and coffin remains (nails) were found at a depth of 0.7m.
Depth at which human remains were found:	Bone fragments were found at a depth of 0.7m.
Burial position:	No burial position could be determined as only a few small unidentifiable fragments of bone and a few coffin remains were uncovered.
Description of human remains:	The remains were that of a small child in a poor state of preservation.



Figure 9 – Grave No NKM/42, Grave Dressing.

NKMC07 – Grave No NKM/43

Name of deceased:	Vusi Mbokane.
Age at death:	Unknown.
Date of death:	Unknown.
Name of family representative:	Petros Macwatha Mbokane.
New Grave number:	The new Mbokane Cemetery, Row 2, Plot 5, on the farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province (GPS Coordinates S27.74088° & E27.23147°).
Location of grave:	The grave formed part of an informal cemetery (NKMC07) situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province. (GPS Coordinates: S25.738825° & E30.612971°). Nkomati Mine No. 4.
Surface features of grave:	An elongated oval shaped mound of soil and rocks served as the grave dressing. The dressing measured approximately 1.7m in length and 1m across. A stone headstone was placed upright at the western end of the grave. The headstone was not inscribed. The grave had an east/west orientation.
Grave goods:	None.
Measurements of grave pit:	1.4m (l) x 0.8m (w) x 1.1m (d).
Depth at which cultural material was found:	Coffin remains (plastic and nails) were found at a depth of 1.1m.
Depth at which human remains were found:	None were found.
Burial position:	No burial position could be determined as only a few coffin remains were uncovered.
Description of human remains:	Although the remains were not preserved, the grave pit resembled that of a small child.



Figure 10 – Grave No NKM/43, Grave Dressing.

NKMC07 – Grave No NKM/44

Name of deceased:	Norah Ndubane.
Age at death:	Unknown.
Date of death:	Unknown.
Name of family representative:	Petros Macwatha Mbokane.
New Grave number:	The new Mbokane Cemetery, Row 2, Plot 3, on the farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province (GPS Coordinates S27.74088° & E27.23147°).
Location of grave:	The grave formed part of an informal cemetery (NKMC07) situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province. (GPS Coordinates: S25.738825° & E30.612971°). Nkomati Mine No. 3.
Surface features of grave:	An elongated oval shaped mound of soil and rocks served as the grave dressing. The dressing measured approximately 1.6m in length and 1.1m across. No formal headstone was present. The grave had an east/west orientation.
Grave goods:	None.
Measurements of grave pit:	1.3m (l) x 0.8m (w) x 1m (d).
Depth at which cultural material was found:	The remains were wrapped in a blanket. Coffin remains (wood and nails) were found at a depth of 1m.
Depth at which human remains were found:	Skeletal remains were found at a depth of 1m.
Burial position:	The individual was buried in a supine position in a coffin with the head at the western end. The exact burial position could not be determined due to the poor preservation of the remains.
Description of human remains:	The remains were that of a child in a poor state of preservation.



Figure 11 – Grave No NKM/44, Grave Dressing.

NKMC07 – Grave No NKM/45

Name of deceased:	Mfana (Martha) Nkosi.
Age at death:	Unknown.
Date of death:	Unknown.
Name of family representative:	Petros Macwatha Mbokane.
New Grave number:	The new Mbokane Cemetery, Row 2, Plot 1, on the farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province (GPS Coordinates S27.74088° & E27.23147°).
Location of grave:	The grave formed part of an informal cemetery (NKMC07) situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province. (GPS Coordinates: S25.738825° & E30.612971°). Nkomati Mine No. 1.
Surface features of grave:	An elongated oval shaped mound of soil and rocks served as the grave dressing. The dressing measured approximately 1.6m in length and 1m across. A stone headstone was placed upright at the western end of the grave. The headstone was inscribed but the inscription was illegible. The grave had an east/west orientation.
Grave goods:	None.
Measurements of grave pit:	1.4m (l) x 0.8m (w) x 1.5m (d).
Depth at which cultural material was found:	Coffin remains (plastic) were found at a depth of 1.4m.
Depth at which human remains were found:	Bone fragments were found at a depth of 1.5m.
Burial position:	Due to the fact that only a small number of bone fragments were recovered, the exact burial position could not be determined.
Description of human remains:	The remains were that of a small child in a poor state of preservation.



Figure 12 – Grave No NKM/45, Grave Dressing.

NKMC07 – Grave No NKM/46

Name of deceased:	Maria Ginindza.
Age at death:	Unknown.
Date of death:	Unknown.
Name of family representative:	Petros Macwatha Mbokane.
New Grave number:	The new Mbokane Cemetery, Row 2, Plot 2, on the farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province (GPS Coordinates S27.74088° & E27.23147°).
Location of grave:	The grave formed part of an informal cemetery (NKMC07) situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province. (GPS Coordinates: S25.738825° & E30.612971°). Nkomati Mine No. 2.
Surface features of grave:	An elongated oval shaped mound of soil and rocks served as the grave dressing. The dressing measured approximately 1.6m in length and 1.2m across. A stone headstone was placed upright at the western end of the grave. The headstone was not inscribed. The grave had an east/west orientation.
Grave goods:	None.
Measurements of grave pit:	1.5m (l) x 1m (w) x 1.3m (d).
Depth at which cultural material was found:	The clothes of a small child and coffin remains (plastic) were found at a depth of 1.2m.
Depth at which human remains were found:	Skeletal remains were found at a depth of 1.3m.
Burial position:	The individual was buried in a supine position in a coffin with the head at the western end. The rest of the remains were not preserved enough determine their position.
Description of human remains:	The remains were that of a child in a poor state of preservation.



Figure 13 – Grave No NKM/46, Grave Dressing.

NKMC07 – Grave No NKM/47

Name of deceased:	Norah Landubane Mbokane.
Age at death:	Unknown.
Date of death:	Unknown.
Name of family representative:	Petros Macwatha Mbokane.
New Grave number:	The new Mbokane Cemetery, Row 3, Plot 1, on the farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province (GPS Coordinates S27.74088° & E27.23147°).
Location of grave:	The grave formed part of an informal cemetery (NKMC07) situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province. (GPS Coordinates: S25.738825° & E30.612971°). Nkomati Mine No. 10.
Surface features of grave:	An elongated oval shaped mound of soil and rocks served as the grave dressing. The dressing measured approximately 4.1m in length and 4.3m across. No formal headstone was present. The grave had an east/west orientation and was located inside a small stone enclosure.
Grave goods:	None.
Measurements of grave pit:	1.4m (l) x 0.7m (w) x 1.2m (d).
Depth at which cultural material was found:	None were found.
Depth at which human remains were found:	None were found.
Burial position:	The burial position could not be determined as no human remains were found in the grave pit.
Description of human remains:	Although the remains were not preserved, the grave pit resembled that of a small child.



Figure 14 – Grave No NKM/47, Grave Dressing.

NKMC08 – Grave No NKM/48

Name of deceased:	Mnyama Mbokane.
Age at death:	Unknown.
Date of death:	Unknown.
Name of family representative:	Petros Macwatha Mbokane.
New Grave number:	The new Mbokane Cemetery, Row 4, Plot 1, on the farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province (GPS Coordinates S27.74088° & E27.23147°).
Location of grave:	The grave formed part of an informal cemetery (NKMC08) situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province. (GPS Coordinates: S25.739587° & E30.613608°). Nkomati Mine No. 1.
Surface features of grave:	An elongated oval shaped mound of soil and rocks served as the grave dressing. The dressing measured approximately 4m in length and 3m across. No formal headstone was present. The grave had a north/south orientation and was located inside a small stone enclosure.
Grave goods:	None.
Measurements of grave pit:	1.85m (l) x 0.8m (w) x 1.4m (d).
Depth at which cultural material was found:	A fork, tin bowl, broken ceramic pot and coffin remains (nails) were found at a depth of 1.35m.
Depth at which human remains were found:	Skeletal remains were found at a depth of 1.4m.
Burial position:	The individual was buried in a supine position in a coffin with the head at the western end. Both arms were flexed and were placed together in the lap. Both legs were extended and were placed next to each other.
Description of human remains:	The remains were that of an adult in a fair state of preservation.



Figure 15 – Grave No NKM/48, Grave Dressing.

NKMC08 – Grave No NKM/49

Name of deceased:	Unknown (possible grave).
Age at death:	Unknown.
Date of death:	Unknown.
Name of family representative:	Unclaimed.
New Grave number:	The new Mbokane Cemetery, Row 4, Plot 2, on the farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province (GPS Coordinates S27.74088° & E27.23147°).
Location of grave:	The grave formed part of an informal cemetery (NKMC08) situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province. (GPS Coordinates: S25.739587° & E30.613608°). Nkomati Mine No. 2.
Surface features of grave:	An elongated rectangular shaped mound of soil and rocks served as the grave dressing. The dressing measured approximately 3m in length and 1m across. No formal headstone was present. The grave had a north/south orientation.
Grave goods:	Part of a plough was found on top of the grave.
Measurements of grave pit:	1.2m (l) x 0.7m (w) x 0.9m (d).
Depth at which cultural material was found:	Coffin remains (nails) were found at a depth of 0.9m.
Depth at which human remains were found:	None were found.
Burial position:	No burial position could be determined as only a few coffin remains were uncovered.
Description of human remains:	Although the remains were not preserved, the grave pit resembled that of a small child.



Figure 16 – Grave No NKM/49, Grave Dressing.

NKMC10 – Grave No NKM/50

Name of deceased:	Josephine Makudsi Mbokane.
Age at death:	Unknown.
Date of death:	Unknown.
Name of family representative:	Nomsa Thandi Dlangamandla.
New Grave number:	The new Mbokane Cemetery, Row 1, Plot 1, on the farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province (GPS Coordinates S27.74088° & E27.23147°).
Location of grave:	The grave formed part of an informal cemetery (NKMC10) situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province. (GPS Coordinates: S25.735925° & E30.614206°). Nkomati Mine No. 7.
Surface features of grave:	An elongated oval shaped mound of soil and rocks served as the grave dressing. The dressing measured approximately 2.6m in length and 1.2m across. A stone headstone was placed upright at the western end. The headstone was inscribed but the inscription was illegible. The grave had an east/west orientation.
Grave goods:	None.
Measurements of grave pit:	1.7m (l) x 0.7m (w) x 1.3m (d).
Depth at which cultural material was found:	A blanket and coffin remains (wood and nails) were found at a depth of 1.2m.
Depth at which human remains were found:	Skeletal remains were found at a depth of 1.3m.
Burial position:	The individual was buried in a supine position in a coffin with the head slightly tilted to the right at the western end. Both arms were flexed and were placed together in the lap. Both legs were extended and were placed next to each other.
Description of human remains:	The remains were that of an adult in a good state of preservation and were wrapped in a blanket.



Figure 17 – Grave No NKM/50, Grave Dressing.

NKMC10 – Grave No NKM/51

Name of deceased:	Tengetile Mbokane.
Age at death:	Unknown.
Date of death:	Unknown.
Name of family representative:	Nomsa Thandi Dlangamandla.
New Grave number:	The new Mbokane Cemetery, Row 1, Plot 2, on the farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province (GPS Coordinates S27.74088° & E27.23147°).
Location of grave:	The grave formed part of an informal cemetery (NKMC10) situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province. (GPS Coordinates: S25.735925° & E30.614206°). Nkomati Mine No. 2.
Surface features of grave:	An elongated oval shaped mound of soil and rocks served as the grave dressing. The dressing measured approximately 1.7m in length and 1.1m across. A stone headstone was placed upright at the western end. The headstone was not inscribed. The grave had an east/west orientation.
Grave goods:	None.
Measurements of grave pit:	2m (l) x 1.1m (w) x 1m (d).
Depth at which cultural material was found:	Coffin remains (wood) were found at a depth of 1m.
Depth at which human remains were found:	None were found.
Burial position:	No burial position could be determined as only a few coffin remains were uncovered.
Description of human remains:	Although the remains were not preserved, the grave pit resembled that of a small child.



Figure 18 – Grave No NKM/51, Grave Dressing.

NKMC10 – Grave No NKM/52

Name of deceased:	Tfombitodwa Mbokane.
Age at death:	Unknown.
Date of death:	Unknown.
Name of family representative:	Nomsa Thandi Dlangamandla.
New Grave number:	The new Mbokane Cemetery, Row 1, Plot 3, on the farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province (GPS Coordinates S27.74088° & E27.23147°).
Location of grave:	The grave formed part of an informal cemetery (NKMC10) situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province. (GPS Coordinates: S25.735925° & E30.614206°). Nkomati Mine No. 3.
Surface features of grave:	An elongated oval shaped mound of soil and rocks served as the grave dressing. The dressing measured approximately 1.9m in length and 1.3m across. No formal headstone was present. The grave had an east/west orientation.
Grave goods:	None.
Measurements of grave pit:	1.17m (l) x 0.7m (w) x 1.4m (d).
Depth at which cultural material was found:	A tin bucket and a broken ceramic pot was found at a depth of 1.2m.
Depth at which human remains were found:	Skeletal remains were found at a depth of 1.3m.
Burial position:	The individual was buried in a fetal position with the head at the western end, facing south. Both arms were placed above the head. Both legs were bent towards the body with the knees against the chest.
Description of human remains:	The remains were that of an adult in a good state of preservation.



Figure 19 – Grave No NKM/52, Grave Dressing.

NKMC10 – Grave No NKM/53

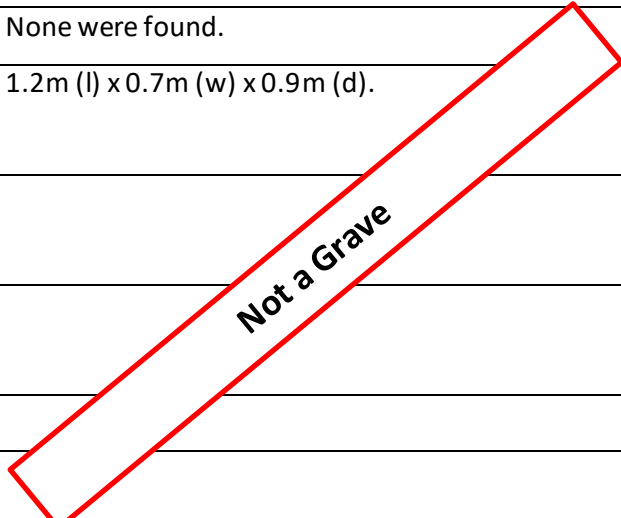
Name of deceased:	Sebenzile Mbokane.
Age at death:	Unknown.
Date of death:	Unknown.
Name of family representative:	Nomsa Thandi Dlangamandla.
New Grave number:	N/A, not a grave.
Location of grave:	The grave formed part of an informal cemetery (NKMC10) situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province. (GPS Coordinates: S25.735925° & E30.614206°). Nkomati Mine No. 4.
Surface features of grave:	An elongated oval shaped mound of soil and a small number of rocks served as the dressing. The dressing measured approximately 0.9m in length and 0.7m across. A stone headstone was placed upright at the western end. The headstone was not inscribed. The feature had an east/west orientation.
Grave goods:	None were found.
Measurements of grave pit:	1.2m (l) x 0.7m (w) x 0.9m (d).
Depth at which cultural material was found:	
Depth at which human remains were found:	
Burial position:	
Description of human remains:	



Figure 20 – Grave No NKM/53, No grave.

NKMC10 – Grave No NKM/54

Name of deceased:	Maklosini Mbokane.
Age at death:	Unknown.
Date of death:	Unknown.
Name of family representative:	Nomsa Thandi Dlangamandla.
New Grave number:	The new Mbokane Cemetery, Row 1, Plot 4, on the farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province (GPS Coordinates S27.74088° & E27.23147°).
Location of grave:	The grave formed part of an informal cemetery (NKMC10) situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province. (GPS Coordinates: S25.735925° & E30.614206°). Nkomati Mine No. 5.
Surface features of grave:	An elongated oval shaped mound of soil and rocks served as the grave dressing. The dressing measured approximately 1.3m in length and 0.7m across. A stone headstone was placed upright at the western end. The headstone was not inscribed. The grave had an east/west orientation.
Grave goods:	None.
Measurements of grave pit:	1.3m (l) x 0.7m (w) x 1m (d).
Depth at which cultural material was found:	A blanket and coffin remains (nails) were found at a depth of 1m.
Depth at which human remains were found:	None were found.
Burial position:	No burial position could be determined as only a blanket and a few coffin nails were uncovered.
Description of human remains:	Although the remains were not preserved, the grave pit resembled that of a small child.



Figure 21 – Grave No NKM/54, Grave Dressing.

NKMC10 – Grave No NKM/55

Name of deceased:	Samson Mbokane.
Age at death:	Unknown.
Date of death:	Unknown.
Name of family representative:	Nomsa Thandi Dlangamandla.
New Grave number:	The new Mbokane Cemetery, Row 1, Plot 5, on the farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province (GPS Coordinates S27.74088° & E27.23147°).
Location of grave:	The grave formed part of an informal cemetery (NKMC10) situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province. (GPS Coordinates: S25.735925° & E30.614206°). Nkomati Mine No. 6.
Surface features of grave:	An elongated oval shaped mound of soil and rocks served as the grave dressing. The dressing measured approximately 1.8m in length and 1m across. A stone headstone was placed upright at the western end. The headstone was not inscribed. The grave had an east/west orientation.
Grave goods:	None.
Measurements of grave pit:	1.3m (l) x 0.7m (w) x 1.1m (d).
Depth at which cultural material was found:	Coffin remains (nails) were found at a depth of 1m.
Depth at which human remains were found:	Bone fragments were found at a depth of 1.1m.
Burial position:	No burial position could be determined as only a few small, unidentifiable fragments of bone and a few coffin remains were uncovered.
Description of human remains:	The remains were that of a small child (younger than 10years) in a poor state of preservation (some small teeth and a piece of mandible was uncovered).



Figure 22 – Grave No NKM/55, Grave Dressing.

NKMC10 – Grave No NKM/56

Name of deceased:	Tfolakele Mbokane.
Age at death:	Unknown.
Date of death:	Unknown.
Name of family representative:	Nomsa Thandi Dlangamandla.
New Grave number:	The new Mbokane Cemetery, Row 1, Plot 6, on the farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province (GPS Coordinates S27.74088° & E27.23147°).
Location of grave:	The grave formed part of an informal cemetery (NKMC10) situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province. (GPS Coordinates: S25.735925° & E30.614206°). Nkomati Mine No. 1.
Surface features of grave:	An elongated oval shaped mound of soil and rocks served as the grave dressing. The dressing measured approximately 1.8m in length and 1.3m across. No formal headstone was present. The grave had an east/west orientation.
Grave goods:	None.
Measurements of grave pit:	1m (l) x 0.44m (w) x 0.85m (d).
Depth at which cultural material was found:	A tin bowl and a broken ceramic pot was found at a depth of 0.7m.
Depth at which human remains were found:	Skeletal remains were found at a depth of 0.85m.
Burial position:	The individual was buried in a fetal position with the head at the eastern end, facing west. Both arms were bended and were placed next to the body. Both legs were bended towards the body with the knees against the chest.
Description of human remains:	The remains were that of an adult in a fair state of preservation.



Figure 23 – Grave No NKM/56, Grave Dressing.

NKMC10 – Grave No NKM/57

Name of deceased:	Mfanimpela Mbokane.
Age at death:	Unknown.
Date of death:	Unknown.
Name of family representative:	Nomsa Thandi Dlangamandla.
New Grave number:	The new Mbokane Cemetery, Row 1, Plot 7, on the farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province (GPS Coordinates S27.74088° & E27.23147°).
Location of grave:	The grave formed part of an informal cemetery (NKMC10) situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province. (GPS Coordinates: S25.735925° & E30.614206°). Nkomati Mine No. 8.
Surface features of grave:	An elongated oval shaped mound of soil and rocks served as the grave dressing. The dressing measured approximately 1.9m in length and 1.3m across. No formal headstone was present. The grave had an east/west orientation.
Grave goods:	None.
Measurements of grave pit:	1.1m (l) x 0.9m (w) x 1m (d).
Depth at which cultural material was found:	A broken ceramic pot was found at a depth of 0.9m.
Depth at which human remains were found:	Skeletal remains were found at a depth of 0.9m.
Burial position:	The individual was buried in a fetal position with the head at the western end facing east. The rest of the remains were not preserved enough to determine their position.
Description of human remains:	The remains were that of an adult in a poor state of preservation.



Figure 24 – Grave No NKM/57, Grave Dressing.

NKMC10 – Grave No NKM/58

Name of deceased:	Josephy Mbokane.
Age at death:	Unknown.
Date of death:	Unknown.
Name of family representative:	Nomsa Thandi Dlangamandla.
New Grave number:	The new Mbokane Cemetery, Row 1, Plot 8, on the farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province (GPS Coordinates S27.74088° & E27.23147°).
Location of grave:	The grave formed part of an informal cemetery (NKMC10) situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province. (GPS Coordinates: S25.735925° & E30.614206°). Nkomati Mine No. 9.
Surface features of grave:	An elongated oval shaped mound of soil and rocks served as the grave dressing. The dressing measured approximately 1.8m in length and 1.1m across. No formal headstone was present. The grave had an east/west orientation.
Grave goods:	None.
Measurements of grave pit:	1.2m (l) x 0.7m (w) x 1.2m (d).
Depth at which cultural material was found:	A tin cup, bowl and coffin remains (nails) were found at a depth of 1.2m.
Depth at which human remains were found:	None were found.
Burial position:	No burial position could be determined as only a few coffin remains were uncovered.
Description of human remains:	Although the remains were not preserved, the grave pit resembled that of a small child.



Figure 25 – Grave No NKM/58, Grave Dressing.

NKMC10 – Grave No NKM/58B

Name of deceased:	Unknown (possible grave).
Age at death:	Unknown.
Date of death:	Unknown.
Name of family representative:	Unclaimed.
New Grave number:	N/A, not a grave.
Location of grave:	The grave formed part of an informal cemetery (NKMC10) situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province. (GPS Coordinates: S25.735925° & E30.614206°).
Surface features of grave:	The feature consisted of an elongated oval shaped mound of soil and rocks and measured approximately 1.6m in length and 1m across. A stone was placed upright at the western end. The feature had an east/west orientation.
Grave goods:	None were found.
Measurements of grave pit:	0.6m (l) x 0.6m (w) x 0.5m (d).
Depth at which cultural material was found:	
Depth at which human remains were found:	
Burial position:	
Description of human remains:	

Not a Grave



Figure 26 – Grave No NKM/58B, No grave.

NKMC10 – Grave No NKM/58C

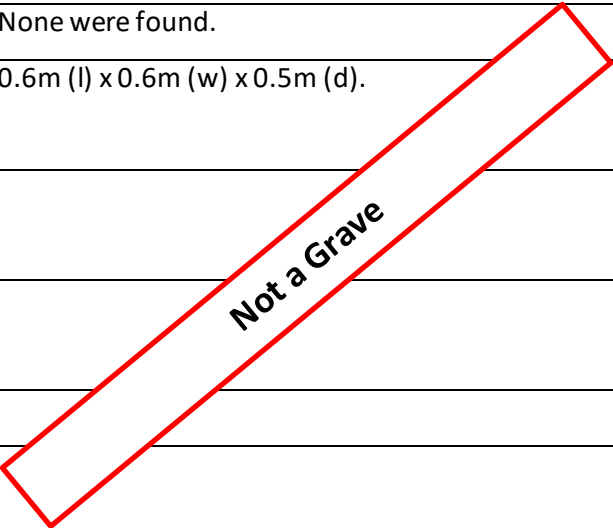
Name of deceased:	Unknown (possible grave).
Age at death:	Unknown.
Date of death:	Unknown.
Name of family representative:	Unclaimed.
New Grave number:	N/A, not a grave.
Location of grave:	The grave formed part of an informal cemetery (NKMC10) situated on the Farm Nkomati 770 JT, near Badplaas, Mpumalanga Province. (GPS Coordinates: S25.735925° & E30.614206°).
Surface features of grave:	The feature consisted of a small soil mound. A few loose stones marked the location. The feature had an east/west orientation.
Grave goods:	None were found.
Measurements of grave pit:	0.6m (l) x 0.6m (w) x 0.5m (d).
Depth at which cultural material was found:	 Not a Grave
Depth at which human remains were found:	
Burial position:	
Description of human remains:	



Figure 27 – Grave No NKM/58C, No grave.

6. CONCLUSION

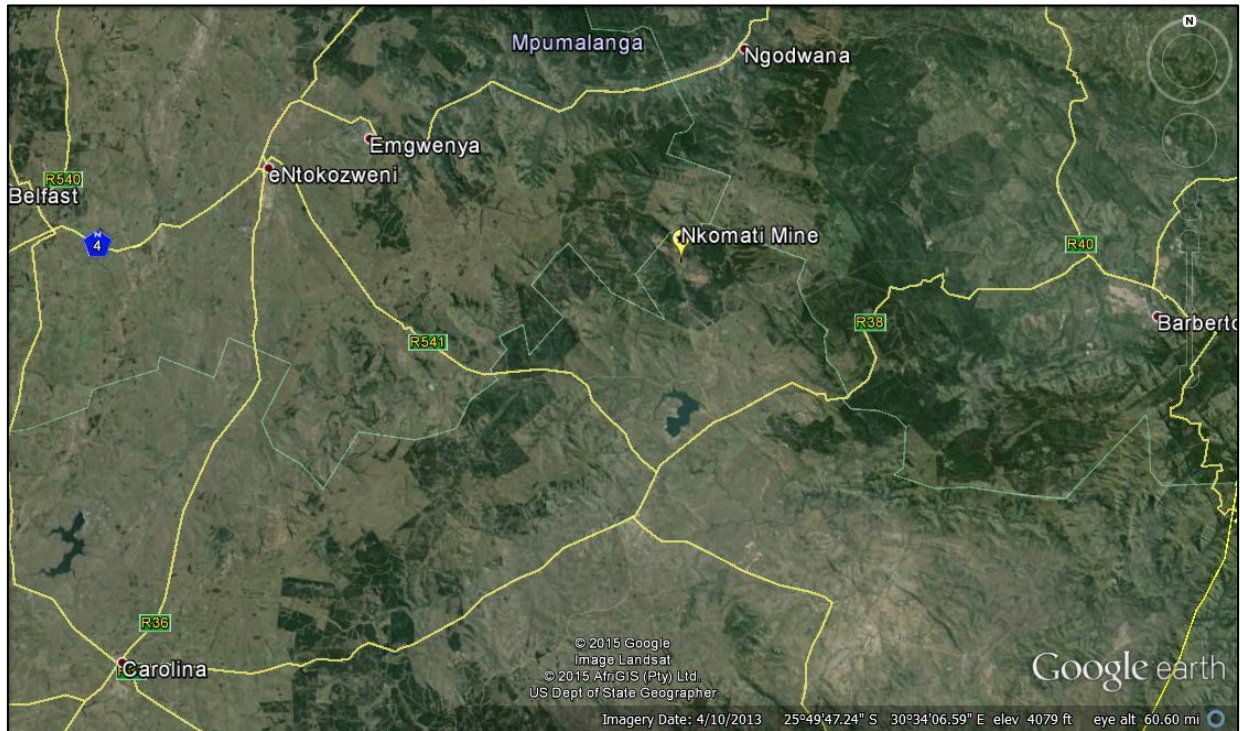
During the relocation process twenty four sets of human remains were identified and relocated from the Nkomati Mine. The overall preservation of the excavated human remains was poor. The disinterred remains were reburied in the “New Mbokane Cemetery”, located on the mine property. The Mbokane family was present at the exhumation and re-interment of these graves.

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APPENDIX A LOCALITY MAPS



Regional location of Nkomati Mine



Site location within Nkomati Mine



The Daily Sun – 18 February 2015 (English and Siswati)

DAILY SUN

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Tebogo Malatji inspect the carca.
Photo by Dan Mdluli

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GENERAL NOTICES

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**2015-02-16
NOTICE: POSSIBLE RELOCATION OF
HUMAN REMAINS**

Notice is hereby given that:
On behalf of Nkomati Mine, PGS Heritage and
a local Funeral Undertaker intend applying in
terms of the relevant national, provincial and
local legislation and regulations;
to the:
• Mpumalanga Provincial Administration,
• the South African Heritage Resources Agency
(SAHRA) or their legislated provincial agency
• and the relevant local municipality

for approval to exhume and re-inter in a local
cemetery, or to mitigate by other means, the
remains of graves buried at the following
locations:

- NKMC07 on the farm Nkomati 770-JT at
S25.73882 & E30.61297 (Graves belonging to
the Mbokane, Gindza, Soko and Moyana
families amongst others).
- NKMC08 on the farm Nkomati 770-JT at
S25.73959 E30.61360 (Two unknown,
possible graves).
- NKMC10 on the farm Nkomati 770-JT at
S25.73592 E30.61418 (Graves belonging to
the Mbokane family amongst others)
- NK016 on the farm Nkomati 770-JT at
S 25.740440 E 30.613780 (Two unknown,
possible graves).

The human remains will be exhumed from
their current place of burial and reburied
in a new location as per the request of
the deceased, families, All persons and
communities descendant from the buried
individuals, all persons and communities by
tradition concerned with the graves or any
person or communities with an interest in the
graves are invited to participate in the process
and must forward their contact particulars to
the address listed below within 14 days of the
date of this notice:

Mr Obert Mkatshwa
Nkomati Mine
Tel: 013 722 7607
Mr Henk Steyn
PGS Heritage
Tel: 012 332 5305
stephany@pgsheritage.co.za

**2015-02-16
SATISO: KUNGQWATJWA KABUSHA
KWEMATSAMBO ALESEBHALA
LOKUNGHALE KWENIKE**

Kwetsiuliwa kwesatiso lesitso:
Ngokumelela Imayini Nkomati, On behalf
of Nkomati Mine, I-PGS Heritage kanye
beBancwabi Basendzaweni siliseke kufaka
sicelo ngokubambisana nentsetso lomisiwe
kanye natoshaywe velonkhe, esifundzeni
nakubohulumente basemakhaya;
sicodizwe:

- kuBakawuli baseSifundzeni saseMpumalanga,
- I-South African Heritage Resources Agency
(SAHRA) noma Sikhungo sesifundza
lesisemtsifweni
- Kanye namasipala wasekhaya lotsintsekako

Kute batfole imvume yekugubha babuye
bangene kabusha emathuneni lakhona kuleyo
ndzawo, noma behlase nganye indlela,
ematsambo lasekhona emathuneni
lebekangwatjiwe kuleTindzawo letilandzelako:

- NKMC07 epulazini lase Nkomati 770-JT
ku-S25.73882 & E30.61297 (Emathuna lekatiwa
ngekutsi emndeni yaka Mbokane, Gindza, Soko
nebaka Moyana kuleminywe imndeni lebalwiwe)
- NKMC08 epulazini lase Nkomati 770-JT
ku-S25.73959 E30.61360 (Emathuna lamabili
lakhona langatiwa kutsi akabani)
- NKMC10 epulazini lase Nkomati 770-JT
ku-S25.73592 E30.61418 (Emathuna lekatiwa
ngekutsi emndeni lebalwiwe)
- NK016 epulazini lase Nkomati 770-JT ku-S
25.740440 E 30.613780 (Emathuna lamabili
lakhona langatiwa kutsi akabani).

Lamatsambo alabantfu atawugulwa
kulendzawo lebekangwatjiwe kuyo nyalo
bese angcwatjiwa kabusha endzaweni lensha
ngengekwesicelo salemndeni leysahonelwa.
Bonkhe bantfu netitukulwane letisemangweni
talaba lebekangcwatjiwa, bonkhe bantfu kanye
nemimango yemdzabu labatsintsekako
ngalamathuna noma ngabe ngubani noma
imimango leneshisekelo ngalamathuna
bayacelwa kutsi bangenelele kulendzawo kantsi
kufanele batfumele iminingwane yabo lapho
bangatsintwa khona kulelikheli lelibhalwe
ngentasi kungakapheli emalanga la-14 kusukela
ngalolusuku lwalesatiso:

Mnu Obert Mkatshwa
Nkomati Mine
Tel: 013 722 7607
Mr Henk Steyn
PGS Heritage
Ludingo: 012 332 5305
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Help family find Ngoako

By JOSHUA SEBOLA

Mitigation Report: Relocation of Graves – Nkomati Mine – NKMC07, NKMC08 and NKMC10

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Thursday February 19, 2015

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SATISO KUNGCWATJWA KABUSHA KWEKATSAMBO ALESEBALALA LOKUNGHALE KWEKETE

Kwotulwa kwesatiso lasisi:
Ngokumalola Imayini Nkomati,
On behalf of Nkomati Mine,
I-PGS Heritage kanye
baBangwabi Basondzawoni
sihlase kutaka sicelo
ngokuhambisana namtsotfo
lomisiwa kanye naloshaywa
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omathunani lakhona kulayo
ndzawo, noma bahise ngalinye
indlela, ematambo lakhona
omathunani lobakongatjwa
kulandzawo lotlandzolakako:
•NKMC07 opulazini lase
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Mbokane, Gindza, Soko nabaka
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E30,61360 (Emathuna lamabili
lakhona langatiwa kutsi akabani)
•NKMC10 opulazini lase
Nkomati 770-JT ku-S25,73582
E30,61418 (Emathuna lokatiwa
ngakutsi omndeni waka
Mbokane kulaminye lobaliwo)
•NKMC16 opulazini lase Nkomati
770-JT ku-S 25,740440 E
30,613780 (Emathuna lamabili
lakhona langatiwa kutsi
akabani).
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atawugujwa kulandzawo
lokongatjwa kuyo nyalo base
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INVITATION TO AN INTERESTED AFFECTED PARTY

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D1. SAHRA Permit

**RELOCATION OF 25 GRAVES FROM THE FARM NKOMATI 770JT, NEAR
BADPLAAS, MPUMALANGA**
Our Ref:



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Enquiries: Itumeleng Masiteng
Tel: 012 9414967
Email: Imasiteng@sahra.org.za
CaselD: 8973

Date: Tuesday January 19, 2016
Page No: 1
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PERMIT: Remove from its original position
In terms of Section 36(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Permit Holder: Mr Henk Steyn
PGS Heritage and Grave Relocation Consultants
PO Box 32542
Totiusdal
0134

Site: Nkomati Mine (Nkomati Mine)

Conditions: PGS was appointed by the Nkomati Mine to effect the relocation of 25 graves situated in three informal cemeteries (NKMC07, NKMC08 and NKMC10) that will be directly affected by mining activities on the farm Nkomati 770JT near Badplaas, Mpumalanga.

1. If the permit holder is not to be present on the site at all times then the heritage authority must be provided with the names and qualifications of the authorised representatives.
2. Adequate recording methods as specified in the Regulations and Guidelines pertaining to the National Heritage Resources Act must be employed. Note that the position of all excavations and objects collected must be marked on a plan of site.
3. A standard site record form must be lodged on SAHRIS.
4. Human remains must at all times be handled with respect and graves should not be disturbed except where unavoidable. The consultation procedures as indicated in the Regulations and the National Heritage Resources Act must be observed as appropriate. The recommendations for removal of graves and exhumations and for re-burial stipulated in SAHRA's Policy 'What to do when graves are uncovered', section 3, must be observed as far as possible. A report on the specimens recovered and their origin must be submitted to the heritage authority annually on or before 30 January 2017 for the duration of the permit.
5. All remains recovered, including relics and artefacts, must be kept with the skeletal material and be reburied at a local municipal cemetery.
6. Reprints of all published papers or copies of theses and/or reports resulting from this work must be lodged with the relevant provincial heritage authority and SAHRA.
7. If a published report has not appeared within three years of the lapsing of this permit, the report required in terms of the permit will be made available to researchers on request.
8. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to obtain permission from the landowner for each visit, and conditions of access imposed by the landowner must be observed.

**RELOCATION OF 25 GRAVES FROM THE FARM NKOMATI 770JT, NEAR
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9. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to fill in excavations and protect sites during and after excavation to the satisfaction of the heritage authority and the landowner.
10. The heritage authority shall not be liable for any losses, damages or injuries to persons or properties as a result of any activities in connection with this permit.
11. The heritage authority reserves the right to cancel this permit by notice to the permit holder.

This permit is valid from 21/01/2016 to 23/01/2017.



Itumeleng Masiteng
Heritage Officer: BBG Permitting
South African Heritage Resources Agency

Mimi Seetelo
Manager: Burial Grounds & Graves Unit
South African Heritage Resources Agency

Additional Info:

Please note that this permit may be suspended should an appeal against the decisions be received by SAHRA within 14 days from the date of the permit. SAHRA may not be held responsible for any costs or losses incurred in the event of the suspension or retraction of this permit.

D2. Mpumalanga Health Permit

0137663458	 health MPUMALANGA PROVINCE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA	14:51:43 07-03-2016 1/2
<p>No.3, Government Boulevard, Riverside Park, Ext. 2, Mbombela, 1200, Mpumalanga Province Private Bag X11285, Mbombela, 1200, Mpumalanga Province Tel: +27 (13) 766 3429, Fax: +27 (13) 766 3458</p> <p>Liliko Letemphile Departement van Gesondheid UmNyengo WezeNaphilo</p>		
<p>Enquiries: Ms Thembi Mdluli 013-766-3154/3448/3107</p>		
<p>The Manager PGS Heritage and Grave Relocation Consultants PO Box 32542 Totius 0134</p>		<p>07 March 2016</p>
<p>Dear Mr Henk Steyn</p>		
<p>PERMIT FOR THE EXHUMATION AND RE-BURIAL OF (25) GRAVES FROM FARM INKOMATI 770-JT, NEAR BADPLAAS, AND REBURIED IN THE NEW MBOKANE CEMETERY ON FARM INKOMATI 770-JT-14, NEAR BADPLAAS, ALBERT LUTHULI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA.</p>		
<p>Your above mentioned request dated 08 January 2016 refers:</p>		
<p>With the powers vested to the member of the Executive Council of Health and Social Services in the Mpumalanga Cemeteries, Crematoria, and Exhumation of Bodies Act. 2005' Section 14 (1) a permit is granted for the exhumation of (25) graves from Farm Inkomati 770-Jt, Near Badplaas, And Reburied In The New Mbokane Cemetery On Farm Inkomati 770-Jt-14, Near Badplaas, Albert Luthuli Local Municipality Gert Sibande District Municipality, Mpumalanga.</p>		
 <p>MPUMALANGA THE PLACE OF THE RISING SUN</p>		

PERMIT FOR THE EXHUMATION AND RE-BURIAL OF (25) GRAVES FROM FARM INKOMATI 770-JT, NEAR BADPLAAS, AND REBURIED IN THE NEW MBOKANE CEMETERY ON FARM INKOMATI 770-JT-14, NEAR BADPLAAS, ALBERT LUTHULI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA.

The reason for the exhumation is that the graves are affected by the development of infrastructure and mining activities . The permission is therefore granted on condition that:

1. Registered undertaker must handle the exhumation;
2. The proceedings must be taking place in such a manner that no offence is given, nor is there any danger to public health;
3. Under no circumstances may the coffin be opened;
4. The necessary authorities must be notified at least seven (7) days before the exhumation take place;
5. The remains must be sealed in an airtight container and placed in a sturdy non-transparent coffin;
6. Any regulations promulgated by the cemetery-authorities must be complied with and;
7. (Ms Nomsa Themba Cell: 076 849 8840) the Chief Environmental Health Officer Ehlanzeni District Municipality) must be notified at least seven (7) days before the exhumation take place.

Yours faithfully



**Pp DR. AM MORAKE
HEAD OF DEPARTMENT**

D3. Chief Albert Luthuli Municipality Letter

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16 November 2015

Nkomati Joint Venture
P O Box 562
Machadodorp
1170

Attention: B Symonds

SUBJECT: CONSENT TO EXHUMATION

The Municipality hereby grants consent to Nkomati Mine for the exhumation of human remains of Mbokane family to be re-buried at the Nkomati farm 770JT, which belongs to the mine. This consent is based on condition that all the exhumation and reburial requirements are satisfied.

Hoping you'll find this to be in order.

Yours truly,


VN Mpila
Municipal Manager

D4. Letter Notifying SAPS Badplaas

23 November 2015

The Station Commissioner
SAPS Badplaas
Tel: 017 844 1563
Fax: 017 844 1284



BY HAND

Dear Sir/Madam,

NOTIFICATION OF INTENDED RELOCATION OF 25 GRAVES FROM NKOMATI MINE, NEAR BADPLAAS, MPUMALANGA

INTRODUCTION

Our company was appointed by the Nkomati Mine to effect relocation of 25 graves situated in three informal cemeteries (Sites NKMC07, 08 and 10) that will be affected by mining activities on the farm Nkomati 770-JT near Badplaas, Mpumalanga.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVES

The graves are located on the following property that falls under your jurisdiction:

1. NKMC07 on the farm Nkomati 770-JT – 14 graves situated at S -S25.738825° & E30.612971°. The graves in this cemetery belong to the Mbokane family who gave permission for the graves to be relocated.
2. NKMC08 on the farm Nkomati 770-JT – one grave and one possible grave situated at S25.739587° & E 30.613608°. The known grave in this cemetery belongs to the Mbokane family who gave permission for it to be relocated.
3. NKMC10 on the farm Nkomati 770-JT – 9 graves at S25.735925° & 30.614206°. The graves in this cemetery belongs to the Mbokane family who gave permission for it to be relocated

PERMITS AND PERMISSIONS

We are currently in the process of applying for permit and permissions from the following institutions:

1. Mpumalanga Provincial Department of Health. Please note that we need a reply from your office before this permit will be issued by the Department
2. The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)
3. We have already received permission from the Albert Luthuli Municipality for the exhumation of the remains and the subsequent reburial on the property of the Nkomati Mine.

PROJECT INFORMATION

The graves in question are adversely affected by the expansion of the open cast mining operation of the Nkomati Mine. The specific area where the grave structures are located will be directly affected by mining activities, necessitating the relocation of the possible graves.

The Nkomati Mine conducted an in-depth social consultation process (as required by Act 25 of 1999) in order to identify the affected graves and to obtain permission for exhumation and re-interment from the affected families, communities and other *bona fide* interested and affected parties.

All three cemeteries contain graves belonging to the Mbokane family, who gave permission for the relocation of the graves after extensive consultation with the mine that started in 2008.

Legal Notices were placed in the classified section of two newspapers, the Daily Sun and the Lowvelder on 2008/08/07 and 2008/08/12 respectively (Appendix D). Site notices were placed at the various cemeteries on 2008/07/23. These notices advised the next of kin of the buried individuals to contact the consultants regarding the possible relocation of the graves (Appendix C).

To clarify matters we have provisionally allocated the affected graves to the following categories:

Graves older than 100 years (Section 35 of Act 25 of 1999):	none
Graves older than 60 years (Section 36 of Act 25 of 1999):	none
Graves of victims of conflict (Section 36 of Act 25 of 1999):	none
Graves of individuals of royal decent (Section 36 of Act 25 of 1999):	none
Graves younger than 60 years that are located outside a registered cemetery (Mpumalanga Cemeteries, Crematoria and Exhumation of Bodies Act, No. 8 of 2005)	5
Graves identified by the next of kin but of which the date of death is presently unknown (Section 36 of Act 25 of 1999):	19
Presently unknown graves/possible graves (Section 36 of Act 25 of 1999):	1
Total	

REBURIAL OF REMAINS

The remains from all three cemeteries, once exhumed, will be re-interred on the property of the Nkomati Mine (Farm Nkomati 770JT) as requested by the next-of-kin. Martins Funerals (Belfast) will be responsible for the reburial and handling of the exhumed remains.

REQUEST

One of the requirements of our application to the Mpumalanga Department of Health is that we need to notify your office of the intended relocation. If our permit applications are successful we will inform you of the date of the exhumation/test excavations at least seven days in advance. Health regulations require that you send a representative to attend the exhumation proceedings.

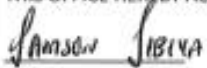
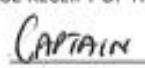

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter in the allotted space below.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any further information.

Yours sincerely,



HS Steyn
Managing Director
PGS Heritage (Pty) Ltd

THIS OFFICE HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS LETTER	
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APPENDIX E

REBURIAL SITE – NEW MBOKANE CEMETERY



NKOMATI 770-JT Grave Relocation - New Cemetery Grave Location April 2016

NKM 50 Grave 1 Row 1 - 1	NKM 51 Grave 2 Row 1 - 2	NKM 52 Grave 3 Row 1 - 3	NKM 54 Grave 5 Row 1 - 4	NKM 55 Grave 6 Row 1 - 5	NKM 56 Grave 7 Row 1 - 6	NKM 57 Grave 8 Row 1 - 7	NKM 58 Grave 9 Row 1 - 8
NKM 45 Grave 1 Row 2 - 1	NKM 46 Grave 2 Row 2 - 2	NKM 42 Grave 3 Row 2 - 3	NKM 43 Grave 4 Row 2 - 4	NKM 44 Grave 5 Row 2 - 5	NKM 38 Grave 6 Row 2 - 6	NKM 39 Grave 7 Row 2 - 7	
	NKM 40 Grave 8 Row 3 - 1	NKM 41 Grave 9 Row 3 - 2	NKM 47 Grave 10 Row 3 - 3	NKM 37 Grave 11 Row 3 - 4	NKM 36 Grave 12 Row 3 - 5	NKM 35 Grave 13 Row 3 - 6	NKM 34 Grave 14 Row 3 - 7
Swing Gate Entrance	NKM 48 Grave 1 Row 4 - 1	NKM 49 Grave 2 Row 4 - 2	New Cemetery Coordinates. 25°45'19.5"S 30°37'10.9"E				

Numbering Explanation

PGS
Allocation nr.
Komati
Allocation nr.
New grave
Allocation nr.

