

SOCIAL IMPACT MONITORING: GRAVES AT TOWER 152 PROGRESS REPORT

for the

**ARIADNE-EROS MULTI CIRCUIT 400 & 132kV
TRANSMISSION LINE**

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Graves at Tower 152:

The Specialist report dated 12 September on grave assessments and subsequent email correspondence dated 30 September submitted by your Company has reference.

Please note that a meeting was held with affected family representatives (Mbili and Ngcobo) and local Induna Meyiwa on the first of October where this matter was presented to the local Inkosi, Inkosi LD Mkhize. The meeting was again called to be presented to back to the Inkosi on the 7th of October to verify that affected families have been provided for in terms of dealing with cultural rituals.

The Ngcobo family whose graves have been opened made it clear at the meeting that they do not want to rebury bones elsewhere but prefer that when the Tower is closed the exposed graves and bones should be put back and closed with the Tower. Please see the attached letter as received from the family. They further explained that their family graves in the affected area total the number of 16 graves.

The Mbili family accounts for two graves that have been affected.

Both families highlighted that rituals were necessary to cleanse themselves and perform ritual rites in honour of the dead that have been affected. The Local Inkosi also made mention of requirements that must be met by Eskom in rectifying this issue. The requirements should benefit the affected families and the Inkosi as the land owner.

Affidavits from the families as submitted with this report were then completed on the 7th of October at the local police station per the requirement of the mentioned email. The email also requested that a site notice reflecting NGT should be placed at the affected Tower of which it was as shown in pictures below.

In conclusion, it is requested that process of registering the project with the Heritage Council be initiated and followed up on as required by law. Please also advise if it's necessary for Dr Nenweli to complete the forms as submitted with the email.



