

**KINROSS EXT 30 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, GOVAN MBEKI MUNICIPALITY,
MPUMALANGA
APPLICATION FOR THE RELOCATION TO A FORMAL CEMETERY OF HUMAN
BONES ACCIDENTALLY EXPOSED DURING CIVIL WORKS**

THE RESULTS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

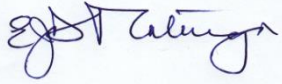


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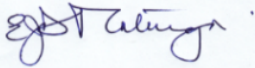
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Public consultation for the identification of unknown graves/burials grounds/human remains where they must be relocated to pave way for a development or have been found in the course of development is required in terms of Section 36 (5)(b) of the National Heritage Resources Act.
2. In practice methods and tools used in the field depend on local social and political conditions. Kinross Township including the neighbourhood is a volatile area which has experienced social unrest connected with service delivery and low levels of employment among the youth. The Kinross Unemployment Forum (KAUF) is an association of youths who seek employment quotas to be reserved for local youths in any development project in the area. Abaziyo Consulting Engineers had been proactively engaging with KAUF, even inviting them to attend project steering committee meetings. In the process they were satisfied that the issue of the human remains had been handled in accordance with the prescripts of the law.
3. In taking the public consultation forward and addressing the broader community it was not possible under the prevailing public mood to call for open public meetings. A public notice was published in the local newspaper, the Ridge Times as required.
4. Public consultation was managed under the auspice of the Project Steering Committee. The committee members including local Municipal officials and Ward Councillors identified people who had lived at the site of the development for interviews as potential informants. Four persons living in Embalenhle (Secunda) and Leslie (Leandra) were interviewed. The interviews failed to provide any leads.
5. The skeletal remains are therefore classified as unknown finds.
6. Below is a template with a summary of the interviews.



INFORMANT No 01

SURNAME	Jiane	FIRST NAME	Christina
			
DOB	29 September 1960	ID	
PLACE OF BIRTH	Embalenhle	PROVINCE	Mpumalanga
PRESENT ADDRESS	No 7095 Sthole St, Ext 9, Leslie, Leandra, Mpumalanga	TOWN	Leandra
TEL/CELL	079 138 3945 / 071 433 9707	EMAIL	-
RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED	N/A		
STATEMENT	Christina Jiane said she was born on the farms near Bethal. She moved to Nhlabane and stayed there briefly before moving Dennelton in Kwandebele. She knew the site were talking about but declined to be taken to the site. She said she stayed at Nhlabane briefly and she was at the time young and does not remember anything to be helpful in the investigations.		
MATERIAL EVIDENCE	None		
ATTACHMENTS	-		
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INFORMANT No 02

SURNAME	Mlotshwa	FIRST NAME	Elie
			
DOB	1952	ID	-
PLACE OF BIRTH		PROVINCE	Mpumalanga
PRESENT ADDRESS	1271 Ext 9 Leslie, Leandra	TOWN	Leandra
TEL/CELL	079 138 3945 / 071 433 9707	EMAIL	-
RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED	N/A		
STATEMENT	<p>Elie Mlotshwa (nee Jiane), paternal aunt of Christina Jiane (informant No 1) said she was born on the farms near Bethal and moved Nhlabane (Kinross) in the 1970s. They stayed there briefly before moving to Dannelton in Kwandebele. She had faint knowledge of Nhlabane. Although she declined to be taken to the site, she could form a picture of the location of the grave when we described it in relationship to the present day KISME Industrial site. She had no knowledge of anyone buried there.</p>		
MATERIAL EVIDENCE	None		
ATTACHMENTS	-		
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INFORMANT No 03

SURNAME	Mthombeni	FIRST NAME	Philemon
			
DOB	17 July 1961	ID	-
PLACE OF BIRTH	Nhlabane (Kinross)	PROVINCE	Mpumalanga
PRESENT ADDRESS	Leslie, Mthombeni Sop	TOWN	Leandra
TEL/CELL	072 931 5955	EMAIL	-
RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED	N/A		
STATEMENT	<p>Philemon was born and grew up at Kinross Location and left in 1974 for Morgenzon to the east. He was taken to the site. He remembers that there were two burual ground on the east side of the stream about 1km distance from the site where the skeleton was found.</p>		
			


Philemon Mthombeni standing near the site of the burial and pointing NE to where his houses were located in the 1970s about 1km distance to the NE. He had no knowledge of anyone buried outside the burial grounds.



The location of Philemon Mthombeni's houses in the 1970s. Lat: 26°24'33.71"S, Long: 29° 5'56.57"E. After the forced removals in 1974 a farmstead was erected. Mr Mthombeni says there is a small graveyard on the northern side of the farmstead.

MATERIAL EVIDENCE	None		
ATTACHMENTS	-		
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INFORMANT No 04

SURNAME	Sibande	FIRST NAME	Khambi Daniel
			
DOB	13 May 1956	ID	5605135464080
PLACE OF BIRTH	Kinross Location / Nhlabane	PROVINCE	Mpumalanga
PRESENT ADDRESS	St Johns Apostolic Faith Mission Church, Ext 26 Ambalenhle	TOWN	Secunda
TEL/CELL	082 682 4708	EMAIL	-
RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED	N/A		
STATEMENT	<p>Daniel was born at site of the proposed housing development, then known as Kinross Location or Nhlabane. He was taken to the site.</p> <p>Daniel resided at Stand No 73. He attended Bantu School in Kinross. In the mid-1960s the location was decommissioned under the government policy separating white and black residential areas. This in fact was a forced removal to Driefontein where the family settled in 1966. In 1977 they moved from Driefontein to Embalenhle.</p> <p>He remembers that the Industrial buildings belonging to Kisme Steel located on the west side of the proposed development had not been established. He also recalls the Bethal Potato scandal in the news at the time.</p> <p>There was a prison called New Look Prison located 1.7km to the north of the settlement (Nyuluga in colloquial corruption). The building complex located at (Lat: 26°24'6.96"S, Long: 29° 5'27.61"E) is now a reformatory for socially displaced and delinquent youth.</p> <p>Daniel did not remember anyone buried outside the designated burial ground to the east of settlement. His theory that someone might have been killed at New Look Prison and the warders finding a secret burial in the area then a farm after</p>		

the forced removed should be treated as speculation as he said emphasising that it remains a possibility given the political mood of the time.



The former New Look Prison (Nyuluga) now a reformatory institution located to the north of Kinross Ext 30.

MATERIAL EVIDENCE	None		
ATTACHMENTS			
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