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## Letter

### In terms of Section 36(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Dear Mr. Gaigher,

Thank you for the submission of a progress report regarding the permit grave relocations at Koffiefontein Diamond Mine (most recent permit #3715).

The report states that a total of 178 human remains have been exhumed so far, out of the estimated 500. Several research projects are being conducted to provide data on demographics, general health status of the deceased and the evaluation of skeletal remains for signs of pathology and trauma.

Please provide the following in a revised progress report:

- A clear inventory of all remains exhumed, including basic data, noting any material culture with the remains and any interesting features;
- Site map showing the location of excavated remains and the remaining project area still to be excavated;
- Information regarding the ongoing storage of the remains on site and the conservation status of these remains; and
- List of researchers and their affiliations, and contributors, both international and local.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

# Koffiefontein Mine Grave Relocation Project Permit Application



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