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SOUTH AFRICAN HERITAGE RESOURCES AGENCY

DECLARATION OF THE GRAVE OF MR CHRIS HANI, MEMORIAL SITE AND THE WALK OF REMEMBRANCE AS NATIONAL HERITAGE SITES

By virtue of the powers vested in the South African Heritage Resources Agency, in terms of section 27 (5) of the National Heritage Resources Act (No. 25 of 1999) SAHRA hereby declares the grave of Mr Chris Hani and the Chris Hani Memorial and Walk of Remembrance located in the Thomas Nkobi Memorial Garden, Boksburg; Ekurhuleni.

Statement of Significance

Chris Hani, was a well respected and revered leader of Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK), the South African Communist Party and senior ranking ANC official, who played an important role in liberation struggle and the negotiated transition for a free and democratic South Africa. He led the Luthuli Detachment in the Wankie Campaign and was instrumental in the drafting of the "Hani Memorandum: which ultimately led to the Morogoro Conference in 1969 which brought about strategic structural changes within the ANC. Chris Hani was a strong proponent of the peaceful negotiations after the unbanning of liberation movements and played a critical role in the MK abandoning the armed struggle. His assassination brought the country to the brink of civil war that led to Nelson Mandela's plea, in what is regarded as a "presidential" statement, for calm and for all South Africans to stand together in ensuring a peaceful transition. The tensions at the time hastened the CODESA negotiations and an agreement on a date for the first democratic elections. His gravesite and the Chris Hani Memorial and Walk of Remembrance commemorate his life, work and sacrifice and contribution to a free and a democratic South Africa; and mark a pivotal point in our history in which the leadership and commitment to peaceful transition was proved.

SCHEDULE OF SITES

Site Name	Cemetery Section	Grave Number	Cemetery	Province	Town	Municipality
Chris Hani Grave	Roman Catholic B	A1	Thomas Nkobi Memorial Park	Gauteng	Boksburg	City of Ekurhuleni

Site Name	Cemetery	Province	Town	Municipality	GPS Location	
					Latitude	Longitude
Chris Hani Memorial and Walk of Remembrance	Thomas Nkobi Memorial Park	Gauteng	Boksburg	City of Ekurhuleni	-26° 16' 44.99641" S	28° 13' 31.49331" E
					-26° 16' 45.34059" S	28° 13' 31.77179" E
					26° 16' 46.81458" S	28° 13' 25.46274" E
					-26° 16' 45.78612" S	28° 13' 25.19057" E