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Dear Dr Khumalo-Seegelken

**"EBAQULUSINI 100 YEARS AGO" DR B KHUMALO-SEEGELKEN**

Thank you for your letter dated 23 April 2002. Your zeal and enthusiasm about South African history in general and the history of Mthashana in particular is quite encouraging. I have pleasure in informing you that my Department successfully facilitated the commemoration of the battle of Mthashana which is your subject of interest. The theme of the commemoration was the symbolic meeting of Reconciliation between the descendents of Amazulu and the Afrikaners. The occasion was graced by the presence of His Majesty King Goodwill Zwelithini and Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi and other important dignitaries. The deliverance of reconciliatory speeches from both the Amazulu and the Afrikaner contributed towards the realization of the envisaged vision of ensuring peaceful co-existence of the community of Vryheid and its surroundings as well as of South Africa at large.

The manner in which you articulate the rich oral tradition augurs well with some of our initiatives in the Department of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology. These include the National Oral History Project and Indigenous Music Archive Projects, which are both collaboratively managed by National Archives of South Africa and the Chief Directorate Heritage in the Department of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology.

If you wish to know more about the projects I have mentioned above, do not hesitate to correspond with my office through Mr V Ndima, Chief Director Heritage and National Language Services on (+2712) 337 8032 and Ms Mandy Gilder, Director National Archives on (+2712) 323 5300.

Wishing you all the success in your further research.

Yours sincerely



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