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Dear Mr van der Merwe

RE-OPENING OF RESTITUTION

Your letter dated 23 August 2013 refers.

As you are aware, an important element of the communication campaign that will inform citizens of the restitution programme will be a Citizens' Manual on Land Claims which shall be distributed, *inter alia*, by NARYSEC youth. A draft manual was shared with Members of the National Assembly and of the National House of Traditional Leaders with a request that they provide their comments. The draft manual has not been distributed other than in the above two houses.

We are not aware that any of our offices or the offices of the Commission on Restitution of Land Rights is accepting new claims. Please provide us with details of the offices you allege are accepting new land claims and details of the persons that have lodged these claims so that we can address the matter.

Kind Regards


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