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Captain McNab
Baster Community of Rehoboth
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Dear Hon. Captain McNab

RE: RECOGNITION OF THE BASTER COMMUNITY AS A TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY
WITH A RECOGNIZED CAPTAIN IN TERMS OF THE TRADITIONAL AUTHORITIES
ACT OF 2000

I refer to previous correspondences regarding the above to His Excellency, the Ministry and the Rehoboth Baster Community. In particular, reference is made to the proposals you made to the former Minister in 2003.

While I do have sympathy with you and the Baster Community of Rehoboth in this matter, I wish to reiterate that the reason why the community is not recognized by the government relates to communal land. There is not much that the Ministry can do unless the Traditional Authorities Act is amended.

You will be aware that according to the Traditional Authorities Act (Act No. 25 of 2000), the requirements for a traditional community to be recognized as a traditional authority is that particular community should have a communal area that is inhabited by that community. Rehoboth has been declared a town and the whole land of Rehoboth falls under the jurisdiction of the Town Council.

I do hope that together with you and the Baster Community of Rehoboth, Government, through this Ministry, will continue to seek a speedy and sustainable resolution of this very important matter.

Sincerely Yours,

John A. Pandeni (MP)

MINISTER

CC: His Excellency, the President