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STATEMENT PRESENTED TO THE LAND REFORM CONFERENCE.
BY DEPUTY-CHIEFTAINNESS OF THE BONDELSWARTS TRIBE.
MRS. ANNA VELDSKOEN:

MR. CHAIRMAN,

SINCE MY DELEGATION WAS OVERLOOKED ON THUESDAY, 25 JUNE, 1991 AND NOT BEEN GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LAND REFORM, OBVIOUSLY BECAUSE OF THE CONFUSION CAUSED BY VARIOUS GROUPS REPRESENTING THE BONDELSWARTS TRIBE, I AM OBLIGED TO PRESENT MY CONTRIBUTION IN WRITING FOR RECORD AND DISTRIBUTION.

ACCORDING TO THE LIST OF APPLICATIONS BY CATEGORY, I AM ON RECORD X424 - APPLICANT: BONDELSWARTS TRIBAL COUNCIL AND THIS GROUP WAS NOT CALLED FOR WHILE THE APPLICANT - BONDELSWARTS TRIBE TRADITIONAL GROUP - ON RECORD X426 LEAD BY MRS. A.K. CHRISTIAAN WAS CALLED TO THE STAND.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS STATEMENT IS TO ASSOCIATE MYSELF AND MY GROUP WITH THOSE SPEAKERS CLAIMING TO HAVE LOST THEIR LAND ON AN UNJUST MANNER.

IN 1903 WAR BROKE OUT BETWEEN THE GERMANS AND THE BONDELSWARTS TRIBE WHEN THE CHIEF OF THIS TRIBE, THE LATE JAN ABRAHAM CHRISTIAAN WAS SHOT DEAD BY THE GERMAN TROOPS.

A TREATY WAS SIGNED IN 1906 AT NAMASVREDE ALSO KNOWN AS THE HAIRA-XABIS, WHEREBY THE GERMANS PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING PLACES AS THEIR OWN LAND TO THE BONDELSWARTS, WARMBAD, HAIB, GABIS AND WORTERS. HERE THE TRIBE HAD TO MAINTAIN ITS INALIENABLE DOMINIUM RIGHTS.

IT IS ALSO A WELL KNOWN HISTORICAL FACT THAT THE LAND OF THE ONCE POWERFUL TRIBE - PRESENTLY THE LARGEST OF THE NAMA SPEAKING NAMIBIANS, STRECHED AS FROM KEETMANSHOOP, RIGHT ACCROSS THE ORANGE RIVER AS FAR AS DE AAR AND PORT NOLLOTH. THIS, HOWEVER WAS STOLLEN BY THE GERMANS.

IN 1972 THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT DE-PROCLAIMED THE BONDELSWARTS LAND AND THUS WAS REGARDED THE SECOND FOREIGN COLONIAL POWER TO HAVE STOLEN THE BONDELSWARTS LAND.

I THUS SUPPORT THE IDEA THAT COMPENSATION OUGHT TO BE PAID BY BOTH THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT AND THAT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT.

FURTHERMORE, I STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE IDEA OF THE MAINTENANCE OF THE COMMUNAL LAND AND THE JUST PAYMENT OF THE COMPENSATION TO OWNERS OF THE COMMERCIAL FARMS.

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TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP MUST ALSO BE RECOGNISED AND MUST HAVE AUTHORITY ON COMMUNAL LAND.

I PRAY THAT THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE WILL SUCCEED IN FINDING A SOLUTION ON THIS SENSITIVE ISSUE.

FINALLY I WISH TO EXPRESS MY PROFOUND GRATITUDE AND PLEASURE TO THE RIGHT HON. PRIME MINISTER OF HAVING INVITED MY GROUP TO THIS HISTORIC CONFERENCE. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BONDELWARTS TRIBE IS SHOWN BY THE FACT THAT ALL-TOGETHER FOUR GROUPS FROM THE SAME TRIBE IS REPRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE.

I THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN

SIGNED: Anna Veldskoen

ATTACHED FIND COPY OF DEEDS REGISTRATION:

Anna Veldskoer

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LOT No. 12296



In the Name and on behalf of His Majesty **GEORGE THE FIFTH**
the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland
and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith,
Emperor of India.

WHEREAS the Resident Magistrate of the District of Port Holloth duly authorised
thereto by the Government, in terms of Act 15 of 1887 of the Cape of Good Hope, intituled an "Act for regulating the
manner in which the Crown Lands of the Colony shall be disposed of," did on the 21th day of
July 1910 cause to be publicly sold under the conditions and regulations contained in the said Act
and in the Act No. 40 of 1895 of the Cape of Good Hope intituled an "Act to amend the laws regulating the disposal of
Crown Lands" a certain piece of land, advertised on the 13th April 1910 as Lot No. 12296
situated in the Township of Port Holloth, Division of Namaqualand.

AND WHEREAS

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did become the purchaser thereof for the sum of ten pounds sterling (£10: 0: 0)

on the conditions of sale hereunto attached which shall be deemed to be embodied in this title deed.

NOW THEREFORE THESE PRESENTS WITNESS that there is hereby granted by the Governor-General of the
Union of South Africa, unto the said

John Christian