

Archaeological Site Report	SiteNo	NR3
	Site Name	Nelspruit Extension 30, 454 JT - 3
	Date	26/07/2004 - 13:21
	Project	
	CaseNID	121976
	Coords	-25.503150, 30.989701

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Physical Type: Open Site

BroadAgeCategory: EIA

Site Category: Settlement, Artefacts

SiteComments:

The second site (NR 3) is probably of more ancient origin and is located a couple of meters (about 30) south of NR 2. The geographic location of this circular stone wall structure is S 25' 30' 11.34111" and E 30' 59' 22.92393". This particular structure is circular in shape and measure 4 meters across with an entrance situated roughly in an eastern direction. These circular stone walls are normally associated with traditional Bantu Kraal Complexes and an indication of either Early Iron Age (AD. 200-1500 approx.) or Late Iron Age (AD. 1500-1800 approx.) settlement. This structure is isolated though and no similar structures, which would suggest a larger settlement complex, could be found on the remainder of the surveyed area. Some scattered and non-diagnostic cultural material was observed approximately 30 meters southeast of the streambed on a slope. These were broken shards of pottery that probably date to the Iron Age. Because these were so few in number (only four located) and non-diagnostic, it is difficult to discern whether they date from either the EIA (Early Iron Age) or LIA (Late Iron Age). It is believed that these may have been deposited by Iron Age people during activities that included the fetching of water which was carried in ceramic vessels to where they dwelled. Unfortunately research regarding the identity and history of historic communities in this area is limited. It is therefore difficult to accurately define the identity of the people to which these remains (circular stone wall and broken pot shards) can be ascribed to.

Manufactured Artefact Types: Pottery

Damage Types: