

Archaeological Site Report	SiteNo	PP012
	Site Name	Paardeplaats Coal Mine
	Date	20/10/2014 - 14:53
	Project	
	CaseNID	
	Coords	-26.398611, 30.733333

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Site Category: Artefacts

Directions:

Mpumalanga Belfast

SiteComments:

An abandoned coal mine shaft was identified at this location (Figure 36). The shaft measures approximately 2m x 5m and extends approximately 25m into the side of the hill. A second tunnel/shaft extended from the main shaft and its roof had collapsed at the end of this shaft/tunnel (Figure 37). Most of the shaft is flooded with water. Wooden supports to keep the roof of the shaft from collapsing are still in place. A ventilation hole had been dug in the roof which is visible on the surface of the rock outcrop. The age of this abandoned mine is not known. However, it is likely that it dates to over 100 years. Van der Merwe's book on the town of Belfast states that coal mining occurred in this area in historical times and was associated with Sammy Marks (1952

Damage Types: