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POSSIBLE IMPACT OF RELOCATION OF THE SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL TO THE SITE OF THE VOORTREKKER MONUMENT

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Value	Rating	Voortrekker Monument Heritage site (on its own)	Impact of SADF Memorial Complex on the VTM site	Impact of relocation to the VTM of the Soldiers' Memorial
Cultural value:	High Medium Low	High: The site was graded a grade 1 Site of National Importance and was declared in 2011. It is frequented by more than 300 000 overseas and local visitors and users of the site such as sportsmen, fairs, markets etc.	High: Value has been added to the VTM site when the SADF Memorial Complex was established in 2009 as, at the time, it filled a gap in the memorialisation of our recent military history. All members of the SA society were in some or other way affected by the Bush War and concurrent and subsequent security related events inside the country. By memorialising the members of the SADF who paid the highest price in the process, it provides the opportunity to remember and to promote closure for many. The VTM site has gained additional significance, not limited	High: The Soldiers' Memorial will become part of the SADF Memorial Complex which is the focus of a variety of related memorials. It will be placed in context and be much more visible and accessible as it will serve as 'backdrop' to an increasing number of memorial ceremonies. It will at the least retain its intended cultural value when it was mounted in 1979.

			to a specific cultural grouping. The SADF Memorial is placed in such a manner that it does not distract in any way from the dominance and significance of the VTM	
Social value :	High Medium Low	High. The VTM plays a significant spiritual and cultural role in the formation of our national identity.	High. The VTM site is highly visible and accessible. The presence of the memorial on the VTM site is drawing more visitors with a keen interest in our more recent military history. It also adds value to the site as it memorialises all SADF members who paid the highest price between 1961 and 1994 on national level. This Memorial Complex came about due to the persistent refusal by Freedom Park to commemorate the fallen Security Force members at Freedom Park.	High : The visibility and accessibility of the VTM site and the fact that this memorial will be relocated here, should further influence the number of visitors to the SADF Memorial Complex, since this complex, with or without the so-called Troopie Statue, has already become the major focus point in the country of commemoration services relating to the period 1961 – 1994. This will be in stark contrast to the situation that exists at Fort Klapperkop, where the Soldiers’ Memorial has been situated since 1979.
Historic value:	High Medium Low	High: The planning and construction as well as the laying of the cornerstone in 1938, the inauguration in 1949 and a large variety of historical events that took place on the site, underscore the national importance	Medium: The SADF Memorial Complex commemorates an important phase in our modern military history, which could not be done at Freedom Park, for ideological and political reasons. The structure as such has only been inaugurated in 2009 and	Medium: Once redeployed at the SADF Memorial Complex, the Soldiers’ Memorial will add value to the contribution of the SADF Memorial Complex , as a collective complex of related memorials, to

		<p>of this site. Not only the City of Tshwane but people all over South Africa and internationally, for that matter, acknowledge the Monument as an icon. Other historic structures on the site include Fort Schanskop and a more recent display on the contribution of the Afrikaner between 1902 and 2007 in the Heritage Centre contribute to the historical value of the site.</p>	<p>therefore is not a historic one in its own right. The SADF Memorial Complex has nevertheless since, in the short space of less than six years, become so significant and well visited, that it completely took over the role of the previous major focus point of ex-SADF commemoration services at Fort Klapperkop (which will consequently no longer be used for this purpose.)</p>	<p>increase the sense of historic awareness of the recent military history and the supreme sacrifices made in the process. The historic significance of the VTM, as the prime facility on the site, is nevertheless so dominating that the SADF Memorial Complex, with or without the Soldiers' Memorial, will never be able to impose on or compete with it.</p>
<p>Scientific/ Research or Archaeological value</p>	<p>High Medium Low</p>	<p>High: The VTM built in Art Deco Style contains a variety of significant architectural and artistic elements which continue to be the focus of national as well as international scholars. Archeological excavations have in the past been undertaken in the vicinity of Fort Schanskop.</p>	<p>Medium: The names on the SADF Wall of Remembrance are being used by researchers for genealogical research, and have already prompted much research by military historians to update existing lists of fallen soldiers. HIA's and an EIA was approved before the initial developments commenced in 2008. The site of the complex is not of any archaeological significance.</p>	<p>No impact: The Soldiers' Memorial will not add any value to either the Voortrekker Monument or the SADF Memorial Complex from this point of view.</p>
<p>Aesthetic value:</p>	<p>High Medium Low</p>	<p>High: The VTM is a unique monument and although everyone does not appreciate the aesthetic value, it is</p>	<p>No impact: The SADF Memorial Complex has been designed and placed to have no effect on the aesthetic value and significance of the</p>	<p>Medium : The Soldiers' Memorial will be mounted in such a way that it faces north east, which should accentuate the facial</p>

		probably the only monumental structure of this nature in Africa.	Voortrekker Monument. It is nevertheless an impressive and striking complex in its own right, and has become an important tourist destination for many visitors to the area.	expression of the Troopie – as originally intended by the sculptor, Mr Henk van der Merwe. Although much more visible than at Fort Klapperkop, it will gracefully melt into and supplement the existing complex of related memorials.
Hierarchical significance rating:	National Provincial Local	National: The VTM was declared a Grade I site of National Importance in 2011	No impact. Although the SADF Memorial Complex has become an important draw card for additional visitors to the Voortrekker Monument Heritage Site, it did not play a significant role in the grading and declaration of the Voortrekker Monument as a Grade 1 site of National Importance	. No impact: The relocation of the Soldiers' Memorial to the VTM site will not influence the status or grading of the VTM site, but it will add value to the SADF Memorial Complex and once again come to its right as far as visibility and accessibility are concerned.